

Jesus' Disappointment

Matthew #114

Matthew 17:14-20

Some have tried to downplay this incident by claiming that there is no demonic activity here

He (Jesus) is bothered that they are unable to deal with this situation, He expects more out of them.

Matt 10:5-8

the disciples had success casting out demons

At a superficial level the disciples did have faith: they expected to be able to exorcise the demon. they are surprised by their failure.... But their faith is poor and shoddy. They are treating the authority given them like a gift of magic.

We think if we just believe hard enough we'll get whatever we want. That's trusting in ourselves rather than in God.

Put your faith where it belongs: not in yourself, but in God.