

Matthew Lesson 17

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 17: 1-27

Historical background – In the last chapter, Jesus told his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. He tells his disciples that they “must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Vocabulary

- transfigured
- Moses and Elijah
- Knelt
- Unbelieving and perverse generation
- rebuked
- faith as small as a mustard seed
- grief
- two drachma tax
- offense

Questions about Chapter 17

1. Peter, James and John went up on the mountain with Jesus. What does it mean that Jesus was transfigured? Why do you think Jesus wanted his disciples to see the “transfiguration”? (v. 1-4)
2. What was God saying in verse 5? Why did God the Father say these words? (v. 5)
3. Why did Jesus tell the three disciples not to talk about what they had seen? (v. 6-9)
4. Who was the “Elijah” talked about in verses 10-13?
5. What was wrong with the boy in verses 14 – 20? Could the disciples heal him? Why not?
6. Jesus speaks to the disciples in verses 22 and 23. What is he telling them?
7. In verses 24 and following, what is Jesus teaching about the two-drachma temple tax? (v. 24-27)