

Questions On Matthew Chapter 17

1. What happened to Jesus on the mountain according to verse 2?
 - a. What *disciples* went with Jesus upon the mountain and what was their role according to 2 Peter 1:16*-18?
 - b. What two Old Testament characters also appeared with Jesus “in glory” and what did they discuss with Jesus? (see Luke 9:31)
 - c. What bodies of truth were represented by these three particular men? (Hint: see Luke 24:27 and John 1:17)
 - d. What were the three apostles doing while this discussion was going on? (see Luke 9:32)
 - e. What did Peter propose to be done for Jesus and the others? (v. 4)
 - f. What testimony did the Father give during Peter’s proposal? (v. 5)
 - g. How did the disciples react to hearing this voice?
 - h. Seeing Elijah obviously reminded the apostles of the Jewish story about Malachi 4:5 (the coming of Elijah). But after Jesus’ explanation what did they infer about the identity of that “Elijah”? (see verse 13)
2. Matthew 17:14-21 records the curing of a demon-possessed boy. We are told that he was an epileptic and that he often fell into fire and water. What other symptoms does Mark’s account add? (Mark 9:17, 18, 20, 25)

- a. What does Mark add as to why the demon-possessed boy fell into the water and fire? (Mark 9:22)
 - b. What does Mark add about how long the boy had been afflicted? (Mark 9:21)
 - c. What does Mark add about the condition of the boy once the spirit was removed? (Mark 9:26)
 - d. Why couldn't the disciples cast out this demon?
3. What did Jesus again predict in verses 22-23?
4. According to Exodus 30:11-16, verse 19, what was the purpose of the Temple tax and who was obligated to pay it?
- a. What did Jesus "anticipate" in verses 25? (*Note: if you are using a King James version the word is "prevent." However, the Greek word means to precede or go before, not to "stop."*)
 - b. What divine power did Jesus demonstrate by this anticipation? (and also in verse 27 depending upon the type of miracle involved)
5. What was Jesus' point about King's sons and taxes? (remember that the Temple belonged to Jesus' Father.)
6. Jesus paid the tax in order to not _____ anyone.
- a. Interestingly, how did Jesus obtain the tribute money and what were the possible miracles involved in this?