

LESSON 12

THE TRANSFIGURATION

JULY 29, 2020

Healing the Demoniac Boy

Matthew 17:14-20; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43

HEALING THE DEMONIAC BOY

□ MATTHEW 17:14-20; MARK 9:14-29; LUKE 9:37-43

Who exhibited a lack of faith?

1. The apostles:

- Later after the apostles privately asked why they couldn't cast out the demon, Jesus responded, **"Because of the littleness of your faith ..."** (Matthew 17:20)

2. At least **this father** and perhaps others of the crowd who were of the same disposition.

- We read the confession of this father in Mark 9:24, **"help my unbelief"**

HEALING THE DEMONIAC BOY

□ MATTHEW 17:14-20; MARK 9:14-29; LUKE 9:37-43

After Jesus' question about how long this had happened to the boy, the father declared: **"It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us."** (Mark 9:22)

To which Jesus responds: **"If you can? All things are possible to him who believes."** (verse 23)

What is therefore possible to the one who doesn't believe?

"... that man ought not to expect anything from the Lord." (James 1:7)

HEALING THE DEMONIAC BOY

□ MATTHEW 17:14-20; MARK 9:14-29; LUKE 9:37-43

"Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, 'I do believe; help my unbelief.'" (Mark 9:24)

Had he been listening to **"flesh and blood"** (Matthew 16:17) rather than the evidence revealed by **"My Father who is in heaven"**?

Remember the **"arguing"** referenced in Mark 9:14?

This father needed to answer, **"who do you say that I am?"** (Matthew 16:15)

HEALING THE DEMONIAC BOY

□ MATTHEW 17:14-20; MARK 9:14-29; LUKE 9:37-43

Jesus then heals the boy:

Matthew succinctly records: **"Bring him here to Me.' And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once."** (17:17b-18)

Mark records: **"When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again.' After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, 'He is dead!' But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up."** (9:25-27; note Luke 9:43)

HEALING THE DEMONIAC BOY

□ MATTHEW 17:14-20; MARK 9:14-29; LUKE 9:37-43

Privately, the apostles want to understand why they couldn't cast out the demon. (Matthew 17:19; Mark 9:28)

As noted earlier, Jesus plainly told them, **"Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you."** (Matthew 17:20; note Matthew 8:26; 14:31; 16:8)

- **"Faith like a mustard seed"** - (Luke 17:5-6; cf. Romans 10:17; Acts 27:25)
- **"Nothing shall be impossible"** - (Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17, 27; Zechariah 8:6; Luke 1:37; 18:27; Philippians 4:13)

Jesus added: **"This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."** (Mark 9:29) Matthew adds **"... and fasting"** (Matthew 17:21*)

2ND PREDICTION OF JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

MATTHEW 17:22-23; MARK 9:30-32; LUKE 9:43-45

"From there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know about it. For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, 'The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.'"

(Mark 9:30-31)

Luke adds before Jesus (2nd) declaration: *"Let these words sink into your ears ..."*

- Similar to *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."* (Luke 8:8; 14:35; Revelation 2:7, etc.)

Jesus had just told them in Mark 8:31 before Peter began to rebuke the Lord.

2ND PREDICTION OF JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

MATTHEW 17:22-23; MARK 9:30-32; LUKE 9:43-45

"But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him." (Mark 9:31)

Luke records, *"... it was concealed from them so that they might not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement."* (9:45)

- How was it *"concealed from them"* so that *"they did not understand"*? (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3)

Matthew adds: *"... and they were deeply grieved."* (Matthew 17:23) Why?

Compare to Peter's reaction after the first time. (Matthew 16:22; cf. 26:22)