

Spiritual Reality and Faith (Matthew 17:1-27)

- ❖ The Transfiguration (1-8)
- Elijah Prophecy (9-13)
- ❖ The Healing of a Boy With a Demon (14-20)
- 2nd Prediction Of the Passion (22-23)
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Introduction

- 4th Narrative (14-17)-Discourse (18)
 - 14:1-16:20 The Identity of Messiah Revealed
 - 16:21-17:27 **The Suffering of Messiah Revealed**
 1. 16:21-28 Following Suffering Messiah
 2. 17:1-27 Messiah's Glory Through Suffering
- Theology of Suffering and Glory

“Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach **Christ crucified**: a **stumbling block** to Jews and **foolishness** to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God** and **the wisdom of God.**” (1Cor 1:22-24)

Jesus' Transfiguration (1-13)

- The Transfiguration (1-8)
 - “After six days” [about 8 days]
 - Mount of Transfiguration (1-2; metamorphosis)
 - Three “Behold!” (3, 5)
 - Responses of Peter (4), James, John (6-8)
 - ❖ The Vision of Jesus' Majestic Glory (9) [2Pe 1:16-18]
- Elijah Prophecy (10-13)
 - Elijah Question (10) and Jesus' Answer (11-12)
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O Unbelieving and Perverse Generation (14-20)

- Why Couldn't We Drive It Out? (14-21)
 - Contrast: Mountain-Top vs. Valley (14-16)
 - How long? (17-18)
 - Why Disciples Could Not Heal the Boy (16, 19)
 - ❖ Jesus' Answer: Lack of Faith and Power of Faith (20) [21; Mk 9:23, 29 only by Prayer]
 - The Majesty/Greatness of God (Lk 9:43)
- 2nd Prediction of Messiah's Sufferings and Glory (22-23)

Jesus and The Temple Tax (24-27)

- Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax? (24)
 - ❖ Atonement Money (Ex. 30:11-16)
- "Then the sons are exempt [free]" (25-26)
- "But so that we may not offend them . . ." (27)
 - ❖ Submission to Authority; Principle of Love
- Significance of the Miracle of the Coin in the Fish's Mouth
 - Providence/Miracle-Meaning via Fishing

Applications:

Spiritual Reality and Power of Faith

- ❖ Spiritual Reality and Power/Freedom of Faith
 - “Have Faith in **God**”
- ❖ “Faith in Jesus” [In the Name of Jesus]
 - Peter’s Example (Act 3:6, 16)
- ❖ God Is Real—Ultimate Spiritual Reality
 - “Jesus Only” – Final Revelation of God (Act 4:12)
 - Meaning of Jesus’ Transfiguration [Majesty]
(Stott: Reassurance, Fulfillment, Anticipation, Temptation)