

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 21--Matthew 17

Introduction: Matthew seventeen centers around the transfiguration and its aftermath. The events of this period of Jesus' life seem to center around enhancing the disciple's understanding of Himself and His mission to die for our sins.

Lesson aim: To seek to appreciation the heavenly glory of the Lord veiled by His human existence.

The transfiguration--Matthew 17:1-8

1. Which three disciples were privileged to see the transfiguration?
2. Describe the appearance of Jesus at the transfiguration.
3. What do you think was the intention of Peter in proposing to build three tabernacles?
4. How did God answer Peter's misconception?
5. Why did the disciples need to see Jesus in transfigured form and hear the words of the Father concerning Him?
6. Did this event have a lasting impact on Peter? (Cf. 2 Pet. 1:16-18)

Questions about the "Elijah" of Malachi's prophesy--Matthew 17:9-13

1. What passage concerning the coming of "Elijah" did the disciples have in mind?
2. Who did Jesus identify "Elijah" to be? What did He say happened to him?
3. What did Jesus predict would happen to Himself?

A demoniac is healed--Matthew 17:14-23

1. Describe the condition of the boy possessed by a demon.
2. Were the disciples able to remove the demon? Why or why not?

3. How did Jesus say the disciples could increase their faith to accomplish what they had failed to do?
4. What truth does Jesus once again try to impress upon the disciples?

Questions about paying the poll tax--Matthew 17:24-27

1. Did Jesus agree to pay the poll tax?
2. Was the Lord obligated to pay the tax? How did He prove this?
3. How was the money raised to pay this tax? What effect would this have had on Peter?