

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

LESSON 3: MATTHEW 17



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REVIEW

- Tension continued to build between the Pharisees (ruling Jews) and Jesus
- Jesus would need to die in Jerusalem and be resurrected on the third day
- The church would ultimately be built upon Jesus, the Christ, as its foundation
- Jesus demanded that his disciples put him above all else in their lives

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MATTHEW 17:1-13

- After six days in the region of Caesarea, Jesus went to a high mountain with Peter, James, and John
- Jesus' appearance changed: his face and clothes were shining a brilliant white
- **Elijah and Moses appeared to Jesus, and they talked about Jesus' death (Luke 9:31)**
- Peter wanted to built altars for all three

MATTHEW 17:1-13

- **After Peter spoke, God emphasized that Jesus was the one to worship and heed**
- The disciples were confused about the appearance of Elijah; Jesus explained
 - Elijah, as referenced in Malachi 4:5-6, was John the Baptist
 - **Just as John the Baptist suffered, so would Jesus at the hands of the Jews**

MATTHEW 17:14-21

- A man came to Jesus on behalf of his epileptic son (demon-possessed)
- The man had brought the son to the disciples, but they could not cure him
- Jesus rebuked the demon, then privately rebuked the disciples for their unbelief
- **Had they had enough faith, they would have been able to cast it out also**

MATTHEW 17:22-27

- **Jesus again taught about his future**
- Some in Capernaum asked Peter if Jesus paid the temple tax
- Jesus anticipated what Peter was going to ask, knowing what had happened
- **Jesus taught that, even though they did not need to pay, they should pay it anyway**
- Jesus miraculously provided the money

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