

HEALS LUNITICK SON (Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42)

1. In Matthew 17:14,15, how did this certain man describe his son? _____

Lunatic, in the Greek, is *seleliazomai*: moon-struck. Epilepsy was supposed to have been caused by the moon because the attacks were worse at the change and full of the moon. But in Jesus' time, it was really caused by a demon which attacked during this time so as to make others think the moon was the cause.

2. Who did the man take his son to first? (Matthew 17:16)_____
3. Why could the disciples not cast the devil out of him? (Matthew 17:20) _____
4. Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 17:21, this particular kind of demon could only be cast out by _____ and _____.

This implies different kinds of demons, and different degrees of power to cast them out.

Prayer and fasting is the cure for unbelief. *If ye have faith* (Matthew 17:20) whatever you say will be done; but if you do not have faith it will not be done.

5. What did Jesus say was impossible unto His disciples? (Matthew 17:20)_____

Nothing promised by God's Word or is good for His Children is impossible.

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PREVIEW OF THE COMING KINGDOM

(Matthew 16:28-17:9; Mark 9:1-10; Luke 9:27-36; 2 Peter 1:16)

Scholars disagree whether or not Matthew 16:28 is a prediction of the Transfiguration. Some interpret it as referring to disciples seeing Him transfigured, as He will be in the kingdom when it is set up at the second advent. Some say it is best interpreted as referring to the Day of Pentecost, and the rapid spread of the gospel described in the Book of Acts. Some say it was the prediction of the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred only forty years after this time; and some of the apostles and the multitude, would live to behold it. This made way for the full establishment of the gospel, putting an end to the first dispensation under the law.

Among the apostles, John certainly survived the destruction of Jerusalem. But which explanation:

- (1) Christ came in His kingdom at the transfiguration.
- (2) Christ came in His kingdom at the Day of Pentecost.
- (3) Christ came in His kingdom at the fall of Jerusalem.
- (4) Christ coming into His kingdom at the end of the ages.

Which is the real explanation? we will just have to wait and see. But John saw it in the Spirit, on the Isle of Patmos.

Personally, I believe this was a prediction of His Transfiguration that was to be fulfilled six days later in Matthew Chapter 17, verse 1, as He will be in His kingdom, when it is set up at the second coming at Armageddon. The disciples experienced the kingdom of God when they were privileged to witness Jesus' supernatural appearance with Elijah and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration only a few days later.

Matthew 17 1,2 - *And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother (James' brother), and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart.*

And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light.

After the 6,000 years Jesus will set up His kingdom on earth personally.

1. What two men appeared unto them and talked with Jesus in Matthew 17:3? _____ and _____
2. In Mark 9:7:
 - (a) Whose voice came out of the cloud that overshadowed them? _____
 - (b) What did the voice say? _____
3. When they came down from the mountain with Jesus, what did He tell them in Mark 9:9? _____

4. Does Mark 9:10 show us that they understood what Jesus meant by His resurrection? _____

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ELIJAH

(Matthew 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; John 1:17-21; Malachi 4:5-6)

This appearance of Moses and Elijah, reminded the Disciples of Malachi's prediction that He would send Elijah to prepare the people for the Lord's coming. *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord* (Malachi 4:5).

The coming of Elijah to restore all things just before the second advent will be fulfilled when the two witnesses appear on earth (Revelation 11:3-12).

1. Who was this Elijah Jesus was talking about? (Matthew 17:13) _____

Mark 9:13 refers to John the Baptist who came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17) to announce Jesus' coming before the first advent. This is what Elijah in person will do before the second advent.

2. In Luke 1:17, what did the angel say John would do in the spirit and power of Elijah? _____
