



Introduction

Jesus is transfigured.



Questions

1. What happened to Jesus when he took Peter, James and John up a mountain?
2. What did the voice out of the cloud tell them?
3. What did Jesus tell his disciples in Galilee that made them sorry?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** Three disciples see Jesus' face and garments shine brilliantly, and Moses and Elijah appear talking to him. They hear a voice saying "This is my beloved Son, (see theme) in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." Jesus tells them not to tell anyone what they have seen until he has risen from the dead
- **v 10 to 13** Jesus explains that a prediction about Elijah refers to John the Baptist
- **v 14 to 21** Jesus heals an epileptic and says that his disciples were unable to do so because of their lack of faith
- **v 22 and 23** Jesus again foretells his death and resurrection
- **v 24 to 27** Peter pays the didrachma temple tax (see information) for Jesus and himself using a stater coin

Timeline 30 AD



Theme / Information

Titles of Jesus - Son of God

A selection of verses showing that Jesus is called the Son of God.

God tells David, the second king of Israel, that he will have a special descendant who will also be Son of God:

1 Chronicles 17 verses 11 to 13

This promise is confirmed by the angel Gabriel who tells Mary that she will give birth to the Son of God:

Luke 1 verses 30 to 32

Gabriel explains to Mary that the conception of her child will be through the power of God and he will be the Son of God:

Luke 1 verse 35

Jesus himself claims to be the Son of God in discussions with the Jewish leaders:

John 10 verse 36

The apostle Paul summarises the important place that Jesus, as Son of God, has in God's purpose:

Romans 1 verses 1 to 5



The temple tax

We read in Matthew 17 v 24 of Jesus' disciples being questioned about making payments. Different translations of the Bible use different words to describe the payment:

the didrachma - World English Bible

the two-drachma tax or the half shekel tax - English Standard Version

the temple tax - New King James Version

the two-drachma temple tax - New International Version

tribute money - King James Version

It is clear that Matthew is referring to a two drachma or half shekel tax which was for the temple. The basis of this tax is the command in Exodus:

Exodus 30 v 12 and 13

Everyone was to give half a shekel. A didrachma (two drachmas) is equivalent to a half shekel. In Jesus' time the didrachma was used for the tax.

Later on in the chapter the coin that Peter caught is also described in different ways by different translations:

stater coin - World English Bible

shekel - English Standard Version

piece of money - New King James Version and King James Version

four-drachma coin - New International Version

All of these descriptions are correct. A stater coin is equivalent to a shekel, two didrachmas or four drachmas.

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 22 and 23



Bible timeline

