

## MATTHEW 17:1 THRU 18:14

1. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain (17:1-8). What happened to Jesus' appearance?
2. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus. In a few words, summarize the extent to which God had used each in their day.
3. Why do you think the voice's declaration about the Son (v. 5)? Wasn't Peter's suggestion (v. 4) an appropriate one?
4. From this section (vss. 1-8), what applications do you feel could be made with respect to your own life?
5. When the disciples asked the Lord about Elijah's coming (17:10-13; cf. Malachi 4:5), what revelation did He make about 'Elijah's' identity? And what did Jesus say He Himself would similarly experience?
6. A man came to Jesus pleading for his son, who was demon possessed (17:14-21). What havoc had the demon wrought in the boy's life?
7. Why had the disciples not been able to successfully exorcise the spirit?

8. What did Jesus reveal (for a second time) that caused the disciples to be exceedingly sorrowful?
  
9. When Jesus anticipated Peter's question about the temple tax (17:24-27), what reason did He provide as to why He (Jesus) should be exempt?
  
10. Why, however, did Jesus agree to pay the tax, and from where was Peter to get the money?
  
11. When questioned about greatness in the kingdom (18:1ff), Jesus emphasized the necessity of what child-like quality?
  
12. List as many statements as you can find (in 18:1-14) which you believe illustrate the extent to which Jesus cares for little children?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Whereas Jesus spoke in 18:6-7 about the tragedy of being a cause of stumbling to others, he then spoke (18:8-9) about things which would cause one's own self to sin and, consequently, be cast into the everlasting fire.
  - a. To what lengths did He say a person should go to enter into life, rather than be cast into hell?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What applications (from these verses) do you feel you should be ready to make in your own life?