



Misc Teachings

June 19

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is now journeying to Jerusalem. Along the way we find out more of why He came and how He would reign through suffering. Today's misc. teachings may appear random but have at least one thread in common, priorities.

REVIEW: The Bible Project, Mark (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: leadership, humility, teams, temptation, salt

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Mk 9:2–13, Transfiguration)

- What does transfigured mean? (think butterfly)
- How does this episode answer who Jesus is and why He came?
- There were many lesser points in this passage. Discuss some.
- How must we see who Jesus is to have faith and to follow?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Mk 9:14–29)

- How frustrating must it have been that the 9 weren't able to cast out the demon? How might this have shaken people's confidence in Jesus?
- How do we know this was a demon and not epilepsy?
- How did Jesus seek to restore confidence?
- What is the Word of Faith movement? Why is it dangerous?
- How does the father's reply blend faith and humility?
- Why couldn't the disciples cast out the demon like in ch. 3?

READ: Mark 9:30–50

QUESTIONS:

Jesus Teaches of His Death & Resurrection [Again] (vv.30–32)

1. *This is the 1st time Jesus speaks of His betrayal, the 3 of His death.*
2. *Jesus continues to use 'Son of Man,' a reference to Daniel.*
3. *V. 32- the disciples still cannot fathom what Jesus is saying. What does this warn us of?*

4. **Why didn't they want to ask for clarification? Why are we sometimes afraid to ask questions?**

Who is the Greatest? (vv. 33–37)

5. *Imagine the scene, walking back to basecamp, having heard of wonderful Kingdom plans, the disciples are bickering about their place in it! Maybe the 3 dismissed the 9 because of their failure or Peter pointed out he was the one to recognize Jesus first, etc.*
 6. *Show His omniscience Jesus knew—an argument about greatness!*
 7. **How do people seek to be great in the world? How can this creep into the church?**
 8. **V. 35- What is Jesus formula for leadership and greatness?**
 9. *V. 36- As an object lesson (not the same as 10:13–16), Jesus takes a child. Like the Victorians ('seen & not heard'), children had the lowest status. In a world of honour (and today, power).*
 10. **How is serving children a lesson in lowliness of service? How is humility the very essence of faith & following?**
 11. *How different are children viewed today (pro/con)?*
- Anyone Not Against us is For Us (38–41)
12. *Vv. 38–39- (c.f. Acts 19:11–20) Those who cast out demons 'in Jesus name' (authority), even if they don't belong to Christ, won't soon after be able to speak ill of Him.*
 13. **How does Jesus divide the world here between foes, friends and allies?**
 14. **V. 41- While someone who aids the Church may not be saved, what rewards are within their reach?**
 15. *How can minor acts have great significance when done for Jesus?*
- Temptations (vv. 42–50) (using hyperbole/overstatement)
16. *Who is the priority in temptation?*
 17. **V. 42- If to advance self-interest we cause even the lowest to stumble in faith and practice, what dire consequence awaits?**
 18. *Vv. 43–48- Jesus speaks of hell 3x in ref. to hands, feet and eyes. What do these represent? Why is it better to enter heaven maimed than go to hell whole? Mk 7:23 speaks of the heart, as such His commands aren't literal but mean?*

19. *Hell, or the Valley of Gehenna outside of Jerusalem, was where child sacrifice took place and later the garbage of Jerusalem was burned—one smouldering heap. How does this imagery befit the place of eternal punishment?*

20. *Vv. 49–50- We'll all face judgement. Don't be bland and dull from giving into the world's priorities. Be humble. Humility always brings forth that which is savoury and good, including peace with one another. Humility advances God's Kingdom, not your own or the worlds. Are our plans and priorities the Lord's? How does this have a preserving and enriching effect? (Mt 5:13).*

NEXT WEEK: June 26- The Rich Ruler, Mk 10:13–31