

Delighting In The “Monster”

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MATTHEW 17:1-4

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”*

MATTHEW 17: 5-9

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, *“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”* ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. *“Get up,”* he said. *“Don’t be afraid.”* ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, *“Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”*

MATTHEW 17:10-14

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” ¹¹ Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist. ¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him.

MATTHEW 17:15-19

¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” ¹⁷ *“You unbelieving and perverse generation,”* Jesus replied, *“how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.”* ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

MATTHEW 17: 20-23

²⁰ He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” ²¹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.” ²² When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.

MATTHEW 17: 24-26

²⁴ After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?”

²⁵ “Yes, he does,” he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “*What do you think, Simon?*” he asked. “*From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?*” ²⁶ “From others,” Peter answered. “*Then the children are exempt,*” Jesus said to him.

MATTHEW 17: 27

27 *“But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”*



▶ Jesus Showed His True Self

John 17:5

- ▶ ⁵ *And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.*

Hebrews 1:3

- ▶ ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

- ▶ ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Revelation 1:14 + 16

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- ▶ Jesus Showed His True Self
 - ▶ Jesus Healed A Tough One
 - ▶ Jesus Paid His Taxes

Application

- ▶ See The Glory Of Our Awesome Lord

Revelation 1:17

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “*Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.*”

Daniel 10:6-9

⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

Psalm 112:1

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.

Application

- ▶ See The Glory Of Our Awesome Lord
- ▶ Delight In Our Awesome Lord

Matthew 16:28

28 *“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”*

Philippians 1:21-23

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

2 Corinthians 12:2 + 4

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.