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- Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain to be alone and Jesus; appearance is transformed to a dazzling white.
- Then Elijah and Moses appeared and talked with Jesus while Peter wanted to make a memorial for each—only saying this because he didn't know what else to say.
- Then God spoke and endorsed Jesus as God's Son and Moses and Elijah were gone.
- Jesus told them not to tell anyone what happened.
- The disciples then asked Jesus what it means when it is stated that Elijah will come first before the Messiah and Jesus told them that Elijah comes to get things ready—and Elijah has already come and the Son of Man will be treated with contempt.
- Commentary: What does Jesus' place among the prophets and God's endorsement mean?
- What did Peter's declaration say about his understanding of Jesus—especially since he already declared Jesus as the Messiah?

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Jesus Heals A Demon- Possessed Boy 9:14-29

- The teachers of religious law were arguing with the disciples when Jesus arrived.
- A demon possessed boy was brought to Jesus' disciples and they could not heal him.
- Jesus calls them faithless and asks that the boy be brought to Him.
- When the evil spirit in the boy saw Jesus it threw the child into another violent convulsion.
- The boy's father told Jesus that it has been happening since the boy was little and tries to kill him—and he asked Jesus for help.
- Jesus told him that anything is possible if you believe—the father said that he did believe but needed Jesus to help him with his unbelief.
- Jesus rebuked the spirit, cast it out of the boy, and the boy was healed.
- After, the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the spirit—and Jesus replied that it could only be cast out through prayer.
- Commentary: Just because the disciples spent time with Jesus did not mean that they could do what Jesus did—they needed faith and so do we.

Jesus And Greatness 9:30- 37

- Jesus tells His disciples that He would be betrayed in the hands of His enemies, killed, and in three days He would rise again--and they still didn't understand Him.
- Later, Jesus asks His disciples what they were discussing—and He found out that they were talking about who was the greatest.
- Jesus told them that whoever wants to be first must be last, and be the servant of everyone else.
- Then Jesus took a child in His arms and told them that anyone who welcomes a little child welcomes Him, and anyone who welcomes Him also welcomes God.
- Commentary: Again, spending time with Jesus does not mean that we will always understand the plan of Jesus—understanding His plan involves faith.
- Jesus also reminds us all that being first is about serving others—not about looking for others to serve us--and about showing hospitality to everyone.

- Someone was casting out demons in Jesus' Name but was not part of the disciples group so they told him to stop—but Jesus rebuked them.
- He told them that those who perform miracles in His Name will not be able to call Him evil, and anyone who is not against them is for them.
- Jesus goes on to say that we should not cause anyone to fall into sin, and the part that sins must be discarded.
- He closes stating that anyone will be tested with fire—as fire purifies.
- And if salt loses its flavor—it looks like salt—but without flavor is worthless—like us without faith.
- Commentary: Even the disciples had problems with groups and cliques. How have these affected the church—and what can we do to stop the.
- We must never neglect our responsibility to be an example to others—and never lose the flavor of our faith.

Jesus' Teachings 9:38-50

Divorce And Marriage 10:1-12

- The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus with a question about divorce—asking Him if a man should be allowed to divorce his wife.
- Jesus asks what the law says about divorce and they respond that a man can give a written notice of divorce and send his wife away.
- Jesus told them that God made that commandment as a concession to a hard heart. Jesus then tells them that man and woman are to be united into one—and no one can split apart what God has joined together.
- The disciples brought up the subject later and Jesus told them that whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her—and if the woman does it she does the same.
- Commentary: Jesus teaches that God permits marriage—but God delights in marriage according to God's Word.