

Jesus Came Down and Fought the Devil

Luke 9:37-45

Key Verse: 9:44

“Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men.”

1. Read verse 37-40. The next day, when Jesus and his three disciples came down from the glorious mount of transfiguration who met them? What was one man's problem? Why had this crowd probably gathered?
2. Read verses 38-39 again. How did this father describe his son's symptoms? What caused this boy's sickness? What was the father's fear? How was the problem made worse by Jesus' disciples? (40) How do demons destroy faith? What is their goal? (Jn 8:44; Heb 2:14,15) What else can you learn here about the work of demons?
3. Read verse 41. What was Jesus' response and what does this show about the real problem that concerns him? What were the evidences of unbelief in the father and in the disciples? What is unbelief? (Ro 1:21) What are the symptoms of unbelief in general? (Ro 1:21-32) What are the marks of unbelief in our time?
4. Read verses 42-43a. How did Jesus deal with the demon? The boy? The father? How did people respond? What do you learn about Jesus here?
5. Read verses 43b-45. Why did Jesus tell his disciples to listen carefully? What does it mean that he calls himself “the Son of Man?” What did Jesus predict? Why did Jesus make this prediction? How does the betrayal of Jesus fulfill scripture? (Jn 13:18-19) In what way is the betrayal Satan's work? (Jn 13:2) How is it related to the problem of unbelief?
6. What can we learn in these events about the spiritual war in which Jesus is engaged? How does Jesus win victory over the devil? (Isa 53:3-5) How can we overcome in the spiritual battle and share in Jesus' victory?