

JESUS HEALS A BOY WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT

Mark 9:14-32

Key Verse: 9:23b

* THE ROOT PROBLEM IS UNBELIEF (14-19)

1. Where had Jesus and the three disciples been? When they arrived at the foot of the mountain, what was the scene before them? How did the people respond when they saw Jesus?
2. What did Jesus ask his disciples? Who answered and what did he say? What seems to be the argument?
3. What was the problem of the man's son? What were the symptoms? What had happened to make things worse? What was the father's problem?
4. When Jesus heard the father's story, how did he respond? What did Jesus see as the root problem of the times?
5. How did the disciples, the teachers of the law and the boy's father each reveal that they were part of the problem of the times? How was this boy a victim of the unbelief of his times? What are some evidences of the unbelief of our times?

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6. What happened when they obeyed Jesus and brought the boy to him? What did Jesus do? (21) Why did he direct his attention to the boy's father?
7. How did the boy's father respond? (21-22) What request did he make of Jesus? What does this reply and request reveal about him and his faith?
8. How did Jesus rebuke him and why? What does verse 23 mean? Read verse 24. What was this man's spiritual condition? What did he ask of Jesus?
9. Read verses 25-27. What did Jesus do? What happened? What does this show us about the character of the devil and his way of working? How did Jesus win the victory?

* PRAYER IS THE POTENT WEAPON FOR CHRISTIANS (28-32)

10. What did the disciples ask Jesus later? Why had they failed to cast out the evil spirit? What can we learn here about prayer and faith? What did Jesus teach his disciples in verses 30-32?