

Gospel Harmony Event # 70e

Matthew 17:14-20; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43

[Question #1] Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

[Question #2] Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, came to Him, [and] kneeling down to Him, said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. Lord, I implore you, have mercy on my son, he is my only child, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely. And behold, wherever it seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it throws him down [and] convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. So I brought him to Your disciples, [and] implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not cure him."

[Question #3] Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring your son here."

Then they brought him to Him. And as he was still coming, when he saw Him, immediately the demon threw him down and convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

[Question #4] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. Then Jesus healed the child, and gave him back to his father, and the child was cured from that very hour. And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.

[Question #5] And when He had come into the house, the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

1. Is it significant that the scribes were present? [Mark 9:14-16; Luke 9:37]
2. What is a “mute spirit?” How did it affect the man’s child? [Matthew 17:14-16; Mark 9:17-18; Luke 9:38-40]
3. Explain the phrase, “All things are possible to him who believes.” [Matthew 17:15, 17; Mark 9:19-24; Luke 9:41]
4. How could Jesus command a “deaf and dumb spirit?” [Matthew 17:17; Mark 9:25-27; Luke 9:42-43]
5. Explain the phrase, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” [Matthew 17:19-20; Mark 9:28-29]