

Gospel Harmony Event # 71-72

Matthew 17:22-27; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45

[Question #1] Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*. For He taught His disciples. Now while they were staying in Galilee, while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

[Question #2] But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

[Question #3] When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the *temple* tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the *temple* tax?"

He said, "Yes."

[Question #4] And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

Peter said to Him, "From strangers."

Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free."

[Question #5] "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

1. Is Jesus' return to Galilee significant? Why did He not want anyone to know that He had returned? [Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-44]
2. Explain how the meaning of the saying "was hidden from them". [Luke 9:45]
3. What was the Temple tax, and why was this question posed to Peter? [Matthew 17:24-25]
4. Explain the saying, "the sons are free". [Matthew 17:25-26]
5. What did Jesus mean by acting, "lest we offend them"? [Matthew 17:27]