

Gospel Harmony Event # 70a

Matthew 15:39-16:12; Mark 8:10-26

[Question #1] Immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came into the region of Magdala to the region of Dalmanutha.

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came out and began to dispute with Him, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. But He sighed deeply in His spirit, answered and said to them, "Why does this generation seek a sign? When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side.

[Question #2] Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then Jesus said to [charged] them, saying, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the leaven of Herod."

[Question #3] And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

They said to Him, "Twelve."

"Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

And they said, "Seven."

So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

[Question #4] "But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

[Question #5] Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. Then He sent him away to his house, saying, “Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town.”

1. What were the "signs of the times," and what was the "sign of Jonah?" Why is the sign of Jonah appropriate for the Pharisees and Sadducees? [Mathew 15:39-16:4; [Mark 8:10-12](#)]
2. What was the leaven (doctrine) of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and Herod? [Matthew 16:5-6; [Mark 8:13-15](#)]
3. Explain the disciples' misunderstanding. [Matthew 16:5-11; [Mark 8:16-21](#)]
4. Why did Jesus identify doctrine with leaven? [Matthew 16:11-12]
5. Why wasn't the man completely healed immediately? [[Mark 8:22-26](#)]

Gospel Harmony Event # 70b

Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21

[Question #1] Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; And it happened on the road as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do men (the crowds) say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they answered and said, "Some say John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ of God, the Son of the living God."

[Question #2] Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

[Questions #3 & 4] And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

[Question #5] And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then He strictly warned them and commanded them that they should tell no one about Him, that He was Jesus the Christ.

1. How do these questions relate to Jesus' recent miracles? [Matthew 16:13-16; [Mark 8:27-29](#); [Luke 9:18-20](#)]
2. What did the Father reveal to Peter, and how did He reveal it? [Matthew 16:17]
3. What is "this rock," and how did Jesus build His church on it? [Matthew 16:18]
4. What are the "gates of Hades," and how do they relate to the rock and the church? [Matthew 16:18]
5. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and what authority do they represent? [Matthew 16:19-20; [Mark 8:30](#); [Luke 9:21](#)]

Gospel Harmony Event # 70c

Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-38; Luke 9:22-27

[Question #1] From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples and to teach them that the Son of Man must go to Jerusalem, be rejected and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. He spoke this word openly.

[Question #2] Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

[Question #3] But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

[Question #4] When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul, and is himself destroyed or lost? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. Then He will reward each according to his works."

[Question #5] And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom – the kingdom of God present with power."

1. Explain the significance of the fact that Jesus "spoke this word openly." [Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31-32; Luke 9:22]
2. Why did Peter rebuke Jesus? How does this relate to his recent confession? [Matthew 16:22; Mark 8:32]
3. Explain Jesus' statement, "you are an offense to me." [Matthew 16:23; Mark 8:33]
4. How does Jesus compare the ideas of losing one's life and losing one's soul? [Matthew 16:24-27; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26]
5. When did Jesus' kingdom come, and what did Jesus mean when He said it would be "present with power"? [Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27]

Gospel Harmony Event # 70d

Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36

[Question #1] Now it came to pass, about eight days [six days] after these sayings, that Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves to pray. As He prayed He was transfigured before them, the appearance of His face was altered [so that it] shone like the sun, and His robe became shining, exceedingly white as the light, like snow, and glistening, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

[Question #2] And behold, two men talked with Jesus, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared to them in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

[Question #3] Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master [Lord; Rabbi] it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." – not knowing what he said, because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

[Question #4] While he was still saying this, a bright cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When the voice had ceased [and] they had lifted up their eyes, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but Jesus was found alone.

[Question #5] Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept this word to themselves, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

[Question #6] And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

1. What is the significance of Jesus' physical transfiguration? [Matthew 17:1-2; Mark 9:2-3; Luke 9:28-29]
2. Why did Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus on this occasion? [Matthew 17:3; Mark 9:4; Luke 9:30-32]
3. What did Peter mean by his offer to build three tabernacles? [Matthew 17:4; Mark 9:5-6; Luke 9:33]
4. Was God's voice from the cloud a response to Peter? [Matthew 17:5-8; Mark 9:7-8; Luke 9:34-36]
5. Why was it important for the disciples not to share their experience until the resurrection of Christ? [Matthew 17:9; Mark 9:9-10; Luke 9:36]
6. Who was Elijah and why did he have to come first? [Matthew 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13]

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."

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]

Gospel Harmony Event # 73

Matthew 18:1-14; Mark 9:33-50; Luke 9:46-50

[Question #1] Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. Then He came to Capernaum. And Jesus, when He was in the house, perceiving the thought of their heart, asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who *would be the greatest*.

[Question #2] And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him by Him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

[Question #3] Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is on our side. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

[Question #4] "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

[Question # 5] "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— where

'Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.'

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the everlasting fire that shall never be quenched— where

'Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.'

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— where

[Question #6] 'Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.'

[Question #7] "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. Salt *is* good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

[Question #8] "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

[Question #9] "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

1. Is this dispute related to the disciples' recent experiences? [Matthew 18:1; Mark 9:33-34; Luke 9:46]
2. How does the character of little children represent the character of those who are great in the Kingdom of Heaven? [Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 9:35-37; Luke 9:47-48]
3. Was the man John saw casting out demons a disciple of Jesus? Explain your answer. [Mark 9:38-41; Luke 9:49-50]
4. How can one cause one of "these little ones" to stumble? [Matthew 18:6-7; Mark 9:42]
5. Explain the phrase "It is better for you to enter life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell" and the repetitions regarding feet and eyes. [Matthew 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-48]
6. What is the worm that does not die and the fire that is not quenched? [Mark 9:44, 46, 48]
7. Explain the analogy of salt. [Mark 9:49-50]

Gospel Harmony Event # 74

Matthew 18:15-35

[Question #1] “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’* And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

[Question #2] “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

[Question #3] For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

[Question #4] Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii.

[Question #5] “And he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

1. Explain the process of discipline described in these verses. What does it mean to let one be “like a heathen and a tax collector”? [Matthew 18:15-17]
2. What is Jesus promising in these verses? Are there any limitations on what God should be asked? [Matthew 18:18-19]
3. What kind of a gathering is Jesus talking about in this verse? [Matthew 18:20]
4. How much were ten thousand talents worth? What about a hundred denarii? [Matthew 18:21-28]
5. What does this parable teach us about forgiveness and God’s character? [Matthew 18:28-35]