

9:2-13 After six days, Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them into a high mountain. This was done privately. And he was transfigured before them. His garments became gleaming white, such that no material on earth could be so white. And they saw Elias with Moses and they were talking with Jesus. Responding to this Peter said to Jesus. Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elias. In fact he did not know what he was saying for they had become extremely afraid. And there came a cloud which overshadowed them. And there came a voice out of the cloud. "This is my son, the Beloved. Hear him." And suddenly on looking around they did not see anyone else except Jesus. And on coming down out of the mountain He ordered them that nobody should be told about the things which they had seen, until the Son of man had arisen from the dead. And they kept his word yet debated amongst themselves what the phrase meant, "out of the dead to arise." They questioned Him saying "Why do the scribes say that it behooves Elias to come first (before the Messiah)" And he said to them. "Elias is indeed coming first to restore all things." He said. "And has it not been written concerning the Son of man that he should suffer many things and be set at naught. But I tell you that Elias has indeed come. And they did to him (Elias) what

He rebuked it, saying to it. "Dumb and deaf spirit, I command you to come out of him and do not enter into him again." And crying out and with much convulsing it (the spirit) came out. He (the boy) appeared as though dead so that many said that he had indeed died. But Jesus, took hold of his hand raised him so that he stood up. Later on, going with Him into a house his disciples privately questioned him. "Why were we not able to expel it." He told them. "This kind cannot be expelled except by prayer." 9:33-50 They came to Capernaum. When they were in the house he questioned them. "What were you debating about along the way?" And they were silent for they had debated along the way who it was that was greater. And sitting down he called the twelve and said to them. He said "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the least servant of all." And taking a child he set him in the midst of them. Then folding the child in his arms he said to them. "Whoever receives such children in the name of me, receives me. Whoever receives me receives not only me but the one who has sent me." John said to him. "Teacher we saw someone who was expelling demons in your name. He does not follow us and we forbade him to do this in order to get rid of him." But Jesus said. "Do not forbid him. There is no one who can do a mighty work in my name and who will then quickly speak evil about me. Whoever is not against us is for

your hardness of heart. But from the beginning of creation, he (God) made people male and female. For the sake of this a man leaves his father and mother and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. What then God has yoked together, let man not separate." And when they were in the house again the disciples questioned him about this. And he said to them. "Whoever dismisses his wife and marries another commits adultery with her. And if she dismisses her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People brought children to him so that he might touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. On seeing this Jesus was angry and said to them. "Let the children come to me. Do not prevent them. For of such is the kingdom of God. Truly I tell you, whoever fails to receive the kingdom of God like a child may not enter into it." And folding his arms around them (the children) he blessed them, putting his hands on them. 10:17-30 Going on further along his way, somebody came running up and knelt before him. They questioned him "Good teacher, what may I do in order to inherit life eternal?" And Jesus said to him. "Why do you call me good. Nobody is good except God. You know the commandments: Do not kill. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Do not defraud. Honour your father and mother." And (the man) said to him (Jesus) "Teacher I have observed all these things from my youth."

they wanted, to as it has been written concerning him.” 9:14-32 And coming back to the disciples they saw a great crowd around them and the scribes were debating with them. Immediately on seeing him all the crowd were greatly astonished and ran up to greet him (Jesus). And he questioned them. “What are you debating about?” One of the crowd answered him. “Teacher, I brought my son to you, as he has a dumb spirit. Wherever it seizes him it tears him and he foams and grinds his teeth and wastes away. I told your disciples so that they might expel it but they were not able to do so.” And He answering them said. “Oh unbelieving generation. How long must I put up with you. Bring him to me.” And they brought him (the possessed son) to him. On seeing him (Jesus) the spirit immediately threw the boy into a violent spasm so he fell onto the earth and wallowed there foaming at the mouth. And (Jesus) questioned his father. “Since when has this been happening to him?” And he said “From childhood. Often it has thrown him into the fire and into waters in order to destroy him. Is there anything you can do to help us, and have compassion on us?” Jesus said to him. “All things are possible to the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said. “I believe. Help my unbelief.” Jesus saw that it (the unclean spirit) was drawing together a crowd.

us. Whoever gives a cup of water to you in the name of Christ, I tell you truly that he will not lose his reward. Whoever offends one of these little ones who believe it is better for him to have a heavy millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea. If your hand offends you. Cut it off. It is better to enter into life maimed that with two hands, than have to go away into Gehenna into the unquenchable fire. If your foot offends you cut it off. It is not better to enter into life lame than with two feet to be cast into Gehenna. And if your eye offends you, cast it out. It is better to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes have to be cast into Gehenna - where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. Everyone shall be salted with fire. Salt is good. But if the salt becomes saltless, how will it be seasoned? Have salt within yourself and be at peace with one another.” 10:1-16 Rising up from there he (Jesus) came into the territory of Judea, beyond the Jordan. Again the crowds went with him. As was his wont, he again taught them. And the Pharisees approached and questioned him. “Is it lawful for a man to dismiss his wife.” They did this to test him. And he answered them saying. “What were you ordered to do by Moses?” They said “Moses permitted us to write a roll of divorce and to dismiss (a wife).” And Jesus said to them. “He wrote this commandment for you because of

Jesus looked at him and loved him. And he said to him. “Only one thing is wanting to you. Go sell what things you have and give them to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. And coming, follow me.” But he (the man) was sad at this word and went away grieving for he had many possessions. And looking around Jesus said to his disciples. “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God.” And the disciples were amazed at his words. And Jesus again said to them. “Children how hard it is to enter into the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” But they were extremely astonished by this and were saying to themselves. “Who can be saved?” Looking at them Jesus says. “With men it is impossible but not with God. All things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him. “Behold. We have left all things and have followed you.” Jesus said. “Truly I tell you there is nobody who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred fold now. The hundred fold is in houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, although with persecutions. In the age coming such a one will receive life eternal. Many who will be first will finish up last and those who are last will be first.”