

# *As He reveals*



*progressively accordingly to His own timing*

# *We Understand*

*progressively*

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Matthew 17:1-27 (ESV)

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# VANTAGE POINT

8 STRANGERS.  
8 POINTS OF VIEW.  
1 TRUTH.



**Vantage Point** is a 2008 American political action thriller film

*In Salamanca (Spain) an assassination attempt on US President Henry Ashton unfolds from 8 vantage points.*

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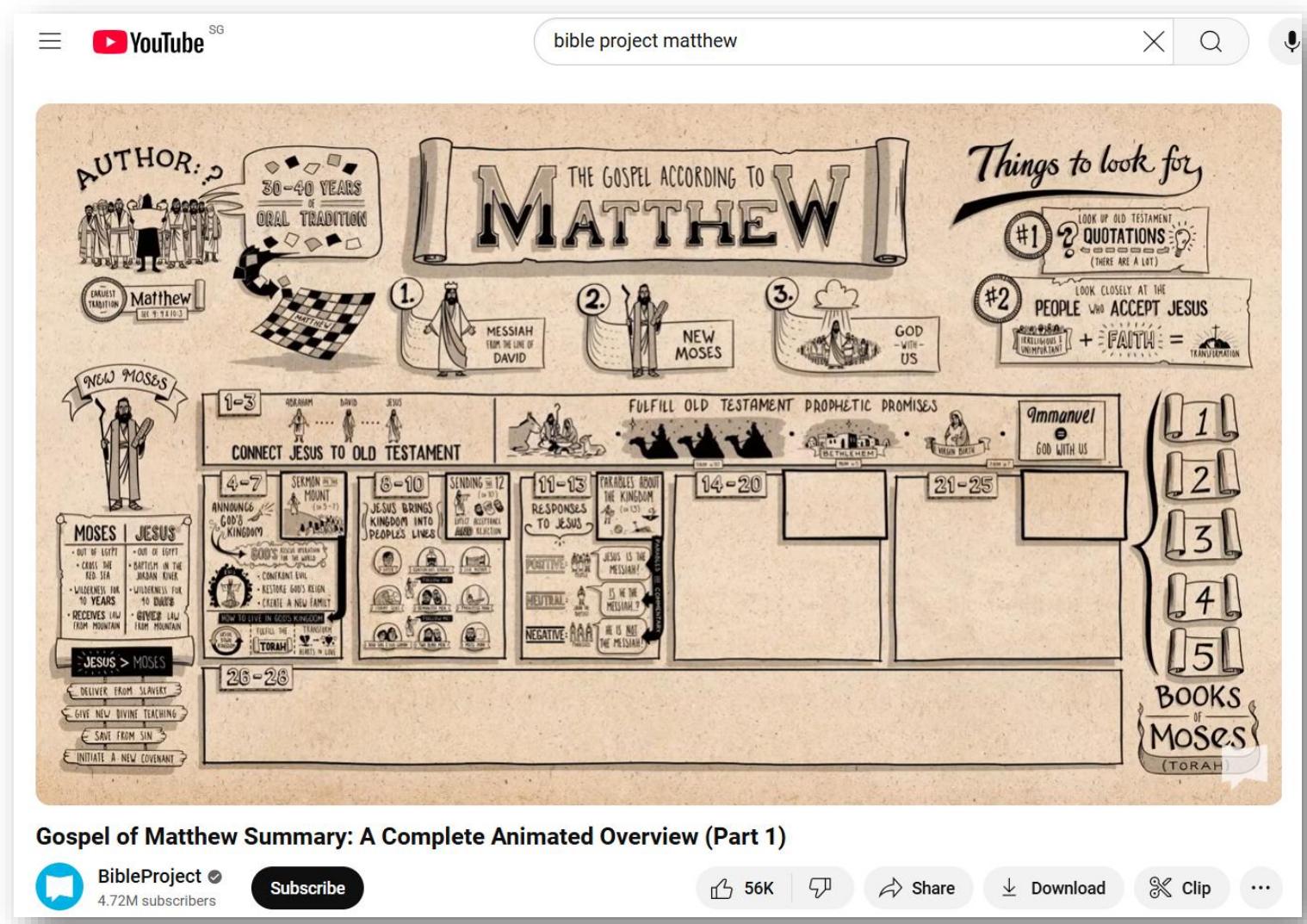
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# Strongly Recommended:

Watch this 2-Part video once every few weeks, to appreciate the **BIG PICTURE** of the book of Matthew

Part 1: 8mins  
Part 2: 7mins



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**Christ Ushering God's Kingdom****Messiah's Authority**

Teach God's Truth

Proclaim God's Kingdom

Heal those in need

4:23, 9:35

**God's Kingdom****Can be received or rejected**

13:1-23, 34-35

**God's Kingdom****Grows among believers**

spread like leaven; start as small as a mustard seed

13:31-33

**God's Kingdom****is like a hidden treasure**of great value  
13:44-46**God's Kingdom****also grows among unbelievers'**unbelief & hostility  
like weeds & bad fishes  
13:24-30, 36-43, 47-58

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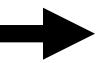
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<sup>1</sup> And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

<sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.

<sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.

<sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus,

***“Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”***

<sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said,

***“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”***

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.



## Matthew 17:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ***"Rise, and have no fear."***

<sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them,

***"Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."***

<sup>10</sup> And the disciples asked Him, ***"Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"***

<sup>11</sup> He answered, ***"Elijah does come, and he will restore all things."***

<sup>12</sup> ***But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased.***

***So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."***

<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that He was speaking to them of ***John the Baptist.***

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<sup>22</sup> As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them,

***"The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men,***

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# As He reveals through His Transfiguration

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**We Understand** John the Baptist = Elijah Past: **Killed John** (chapter 14)  
progressively Jesus = Son of Man Future: **To Kill Jesus**

TIME



## Setting (17:1)

High Mountain

- Jesus
- Peter
- James
- John

## Supernatural (17:2-6)

- Bright face and clothes
- Moses & Elijah
- Voice in the bright cloud

### Cross Ref God to Jesus:

***This is My Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased*** v5

- Matt 3:17 (Jesus' Baptism)
- Matt 17:5 (Jesus' Transfiguration)

## Answer (17:11-12)

*Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.*

## Question (17:10)

*“Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ~Disciples*

# As He reveals the cost of being the Son of Man

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## We Understand thru' **listening** (17:5) attentively from Him

progressively

TIME

**Matt 12:40**

"so will the Son of Man be 3days & 3nights in the heart of the earth."

(Jonah in the Great Fish)

Cross Ref God to Jesus:

**"This is My Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.** v5



## **LISTEN TO HIM**

*Matt 17:23b And they were greatly distressed.*

**Matt 17:9**

"Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

**Matt 17:22-23a**

"The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day."

**Matt 17:12**

"So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."

**Matt 20:28**

"even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Matt 20:18**

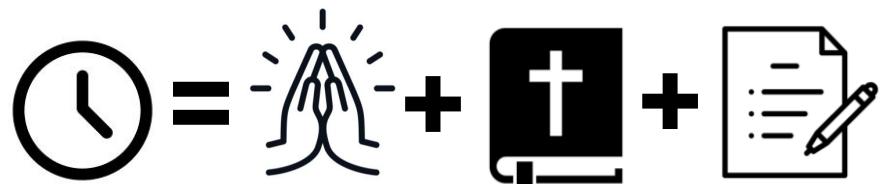
"And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death."

# DANGER

*as Modern Listener*

The only way to see life clearly is to focus on Christ.

— From *Our Daily Bread*

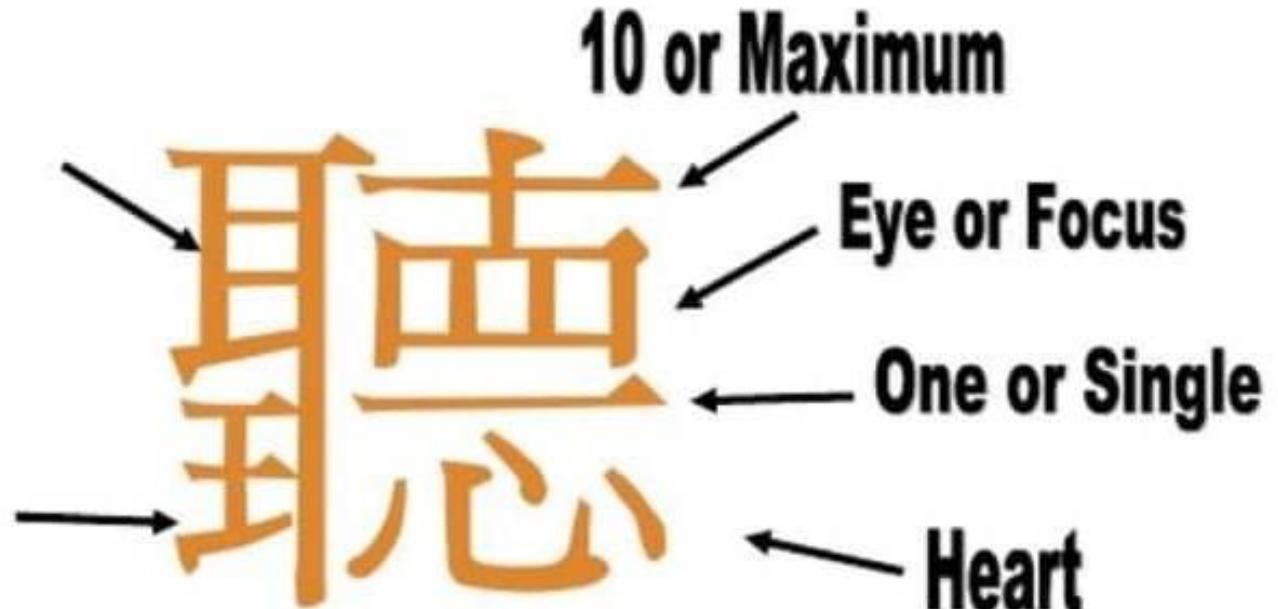


**In Solitude (Quietness), Fast from Gadgets, Set aside XX days**

***NOT relying on my Interpretations, Experiences, Preferences***

***BUT to build my basis from Jesus's Perspective***

**Ear**  
**King**



**The Chinese Characters for Listening:**

1. Ear	Gather
2. Eye	Perceive
3. Heart	Sense
4. King	Respect
5. One	Focal
6. Ten	Intensity

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<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to Him and, kneeling before Him,

<sup>15</sup> said, ***"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly.***

***For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.***

<sup>16</sup> ***And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him."***

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered, ***"O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you?***

***How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me."***

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.

<sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, ***"Why could we not cast it out?"***

<sup>20</sup> He said to them, ***"Because of your little faith.***

***For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."***



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# As He reveals through His Healing

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## We Understand thru' growing (17:20) faith in Him

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TIME

### Setting (17:14-15)

#### Among the Crowd

- Father brought his son (neuro disorder)
- Disciples can't heal

### Frustration over Unbelief (17:17)

- How long am I to be with **you**?
- How long am I to bear with **you**?

**"This generation"** failed to believe in Jesus  
as the Messiah and in His Authority  
and His Power as the Son of God.

### Cross Ref:

**"O you little faith."** v20

Matt 8:26 (Calm the Storm)

Matt 14:31 (Walk on Water)

Matt 16:8 (Beware of Leaven of P/S)

Matt 17:20 (Unable to Heal)

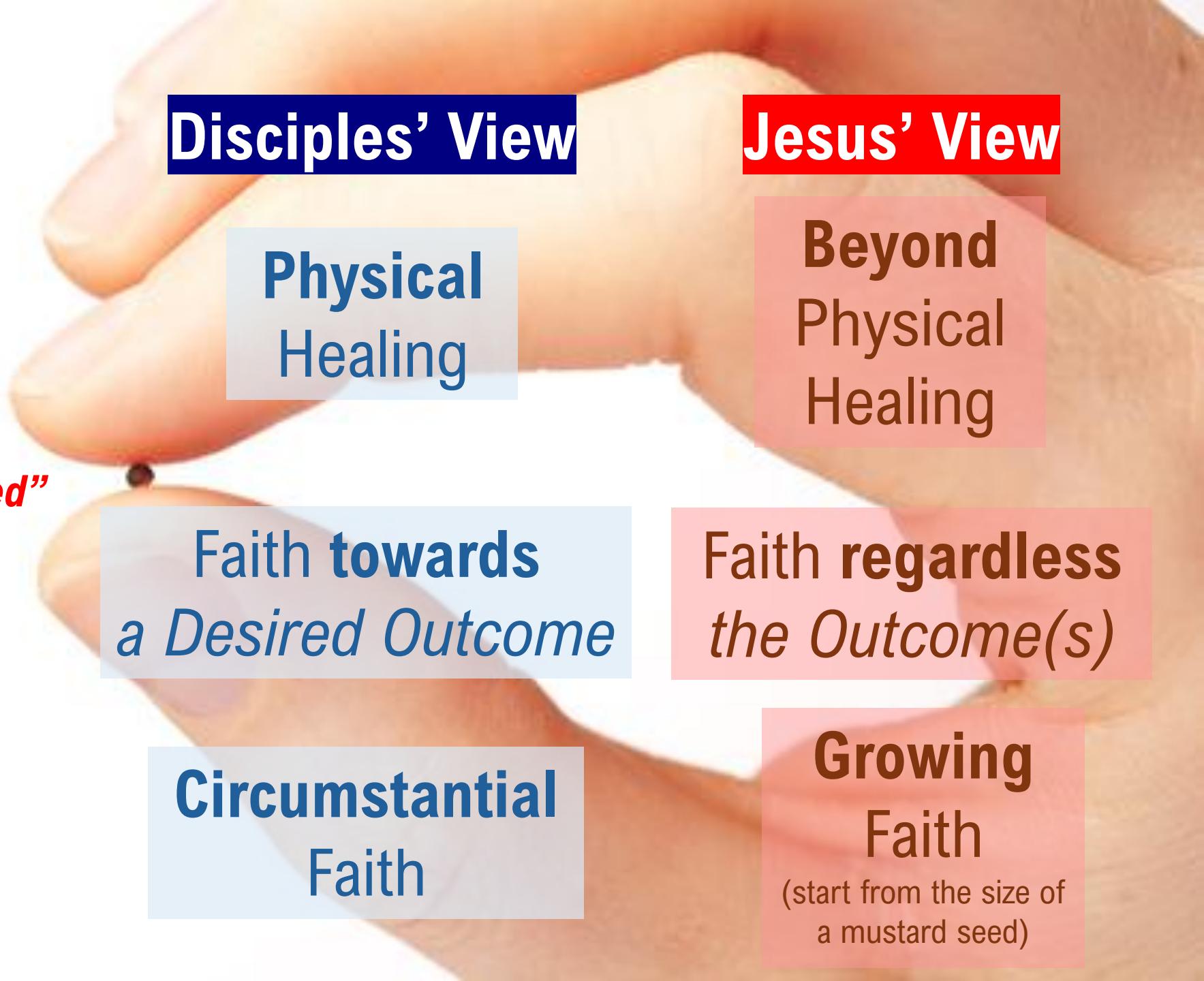
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**"Because of your little faith..."**

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### Question (17:19)

**"Why could we  
not cast it out?"** ~Disciples



***"If only you have faith  
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**Matthew 17:20**

## Disciples' View

## Jesus' View

**Physical  
Healing**

**Beyond  
Physical  
Healing**

**Faith towards  
a Desired Outcome**

**Faith regardless  
the Outcome(s)**

**Circumstantial  
Faith**

**Growing  
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(start from the size of  
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<sup>24</sup> When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the 2-drachma tax went up to Peter and said,

***"Does your teacher not pay the tax?"***

<sup>25</sup> He said, ***"Yes."***

And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying,

***"What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax?  
From their sons or from others?"***

<sup>26</sup> And when he said, ***"From others."***

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

***27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook  
and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel.  
Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."***

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# **As He reveals through His Teaching withholding His Authority**

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## **We Understand thru' *doing* (17:27) what is most loving**

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**TIME**

### **Setting (17:24-25a)**

#### **Temple Tax Collectors**

- Abide to local Jewish Law
- Agree to pay temple tax

### **Question (17:25b)**

- Does the King collect temple tax from own sons?*
- Does the King collect temple tax from outsiders?*

*“From others”* ~ Peter

### **Outcome (17:27)**

**“However not to offend them”**

### **Revelation! (17:26b)**

**“Then the sons are free”**

1) If Jesus is the **Son of God**

2) Temple **belongs to God**

3) Jesus **don't need to pay temple tax... BUT**

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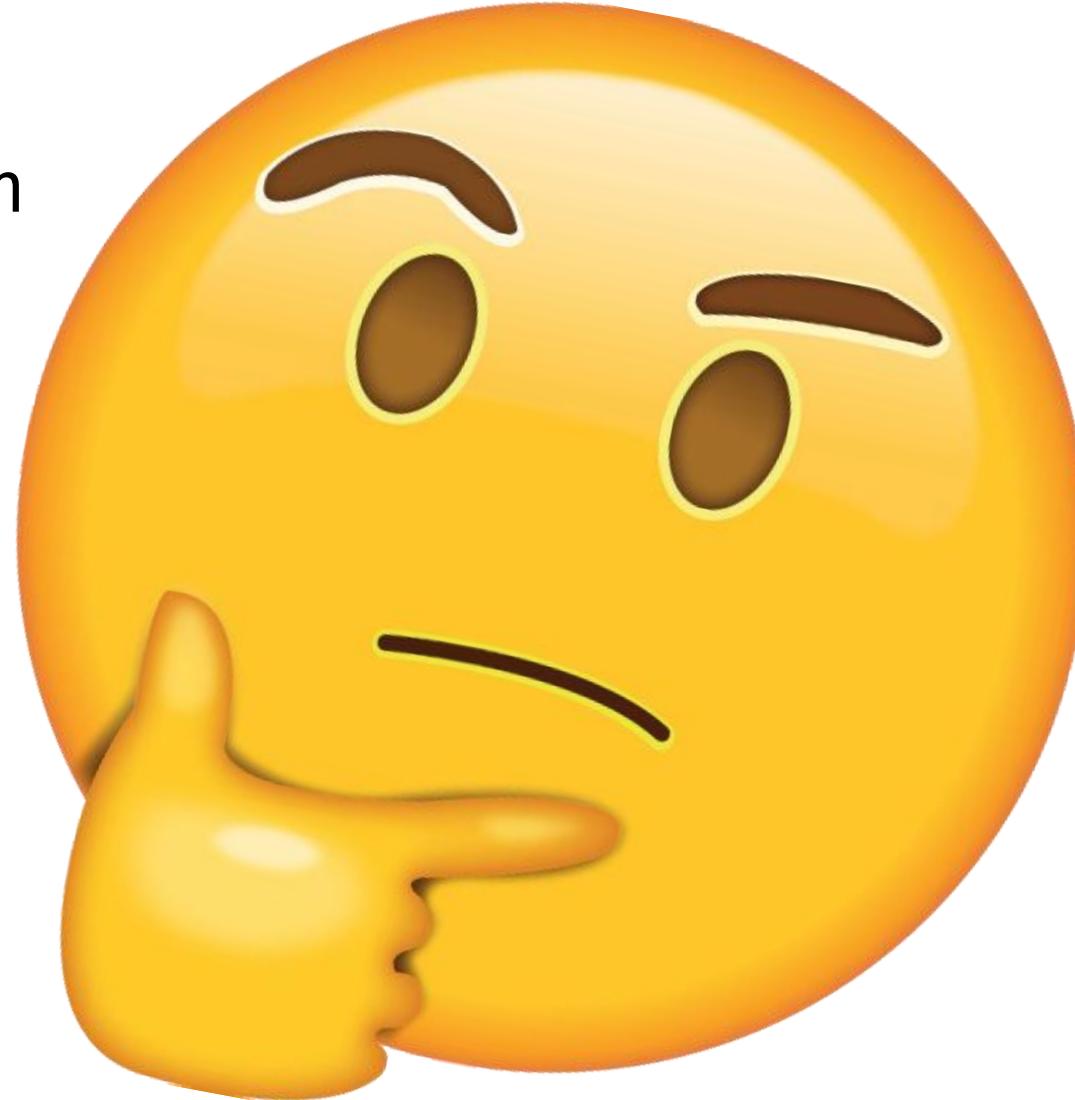
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# Listen

attentively from Him

Growing  
**Faith**  
in Him



# Do

*what is the  
most loving thing*

I wanna be like Jesus, think like Jesus,  
do what He would do.

In every way, everywhere, everyday  
let His love and grace shine through.

I wanna be like Jesus so that Jesus  
will be seen in me.



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