

The Message

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Matthew 17:1 – 18:14



The Transfiguration

And he was transfigured before them,
And his face shown like the sun,
And his clothes became white as light (17:2).



His Disciples Could Not Cast Out a Demon

“O faithless and twisted generation.”



The Second Announcement

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 third day.” And they were greatly distressed (Matthew 17:22-23).



The Temple Tax

“Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?”
Matthew 17:24



Governments Are Instituted Among Men

“Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors” (1 Peter 2:13-14).



What Kind of Government?

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

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The Little Lost Sheep Ruler (18:12ff)

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder” (Isaiah 9:6).



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