

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –06/22/26

Matthew - Lesson 23
Matthew 16:21-17:13

1. Read Matthew 16:21-23. What four things did Jesus begin to explain to his disciples? Why *must* Jesus do these things?

2. What was Peter's response? Why? In what way does his rebuke of Jesus contradict his confession of Jesus?

3. Jesus obviously knew Peter was not Satan. So why does he refer to him as such? How was Peter guilty of reflecting the temptation of Jesus by Satan in Matt. 4:1-10? What had Peter, the *rock upon which Jesus would build his church*, become?

4. Read Matthew 16:24-27. How would you explain the cost of following Jesus according to vv. 24-26? What incentive for doing so is found in v. 27?

5. Read 16:28. What do you think Jesus meant? To what event(s) was he possibly referring?

6. Read Matthew 17:1-8. What did Peter, James and John witness when they went up the mountain with Jesus? Why do you think Elijah and Moses were there? What might they represent?

7. Why was Peter's response inappropriate? What did God have to say? Why was the response of the disciples (v. 6) more appropriate?

8. What was the purpose of the Transfiguration for Christ? For Christ? For his disciples?

9. Read Matthew 17:9-13, 2 Kings 2:11-12, Malachi 3:1, 4:4-6. Why were the disciples confused about Elijah? What did they come to understand from Jesus' answer to them?