

Peter's Declaration (16:13-20)

- Jesus' question
- Popular answers
- Peter's declaration
- Jesus' response:
 - validation
 - foundation
 - victory
 - consequences
 - temporary secret

Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection (16:21-28)

- from then on: the disciples now ready?
- Peter is not!
- God's way is victory thru sacrifice
- Jesus' prediction

Jesus Transfigured (17:1-13)

- prob partial fulfillment of prediction
- to inner three only
- prob what John has in mind in Jn 1:14; 1 Jn 1:1; 4:14
- Peter's proposal: here to stay?
- the Voice: be quiet & listen to Jesus
- again, keep secret
- disciples' question about Elijah

Healing Demonized Boy (17:14-20)

- "moon struck"? actually demonized
- disciples couldn't heal, lacked faith
- Jesus rebukes them, casts out demon

Jesus Again Foretells Death & Resurrection (17:22-23)

Payment of Temple Tax (17:24-27)

- two-drachma (= 1/2 shekel) tax religious, not secular
- mandated by OT law (Ex 30:13ff)
- Jesus (& Peter) as sons are exempt!

Greatest in Kingdom (18:1-5)

- Matt's emphasis on disciples asking Jesus
- humility requisite for salvation & greatness

Temptations to Sin (18:6-9)

- better to suffer great harm than cause another to sin
- better to suffer great harm than sin oneself

Parable of Lost Sheep (18:10-14)

- different occasion than in Luke
- don't despise even least person

Brother Who Sins (18:15-20)