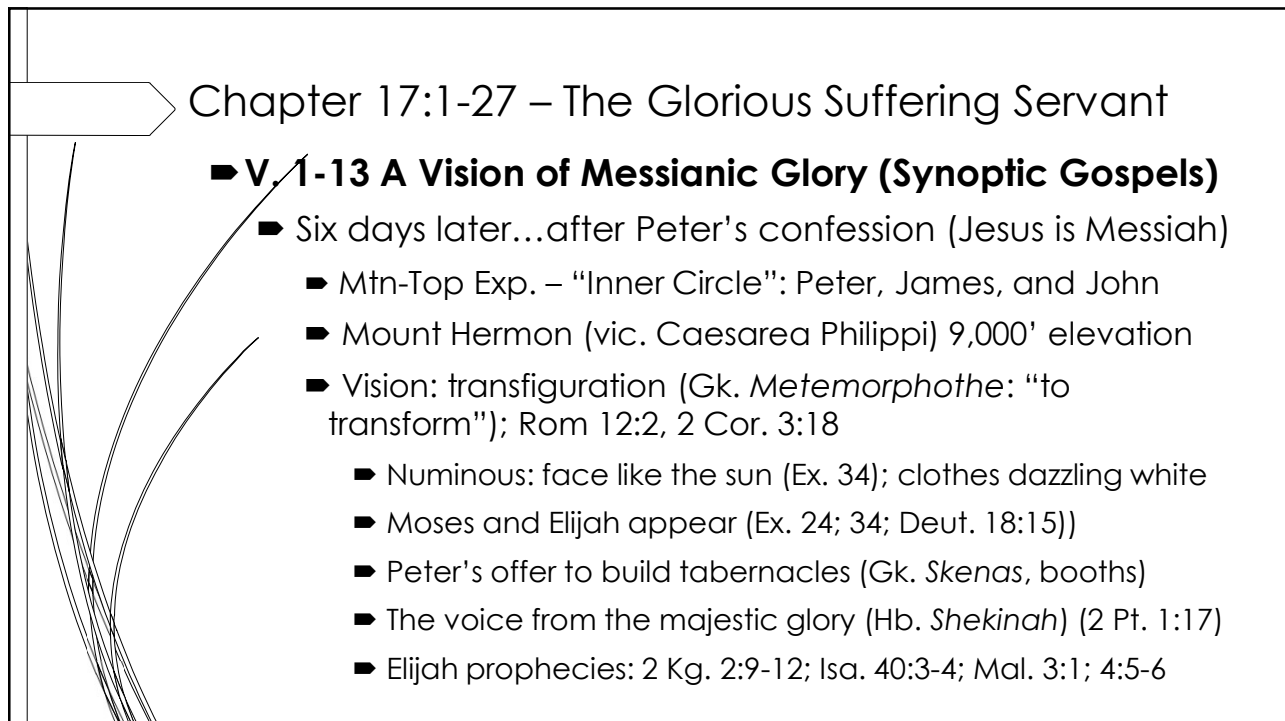


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## Chapter 17:1-27 – The Glorious Suffering Servant

### ► V. 14-21 The Struggle to Heal the Epileptic Child

- The Crowd (Gk. Throng)...Father with Epileptic Son
  - *Lunatic*: caused by a baleful influence of the moon (Ps. 121:6)
  - Disciples could not cure him (demon possessed) [Exod. 32]
  - Jesus' reaction - apostasy: "faithless and perverse generation"
  - Disciples privately question Jesus: "because of your little faith... size of a mustard seed...move mountains (faith is focused on God's will, not performing miraculous displays of power)
    - Faith (Gk. *Pistin*) belief, trust, confidence, fidelity; int. assent, persuasion, credence, moral conviction; **practical reliance**
    - NRSV omits v. 21 "But this kind of demon is cast out only through prayer and fasting."

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### ► V. 22-27 The Second Passion Prediction & Temple Tax

- Gathering in Galilee...Passover Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
  - Pilgrimage Festivals: Passover (Hb. *Pesach*); Feast of Tabernacles (Hb. *Sukkot*); and Pentecost/Feast of Weeks (Hb. *Shavuot*)
  - Prediction: Betrayed into human hands (Ex. 21:13; 23:31), and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." Disciples distressed
- Capernaum: temple tax collectors (March) (Ex. 30:11-16); Controversial: Rabbis and Priests were exempt; Pharisees patriotic; Sadducees disapproved; Essenes paid it once in a lifetime; Julius Caesar decreed all Jews (diaspora) must pay annual tax, plus state taxes
  - Tax: half-shekel = didrachma: day wage; stater = 2 didrachmas
  - After the destruction of the Temple (70 AD): converted to a *Fiscus Iudaicus* for the Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus in Rome

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