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NT #14

Matthew 16-17, Mark 8-9, Luke 9
"Thou art the Christ"

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Matt 16 - Pharisees & Sadducees ask for a sign
 you can read the sky but not the times
 no sign but Jonah - wicked & adulterous

- Beware leaven of Ph. & S. (Mark: & Herod)
 meaning "doctrine" (attitude)
- whom do men say that I am?
 Thou art the Christ
 flesh & blood hath not revealed it
- Thou art Peter
 I will give thee the keys of the kingdom
- Then he began to show them how he would
 be killed and raised again
- Peter rebuked him
 get thee behind me
- take up his cross, follow me
 gain the world, lose his soul

Matt 17 - mount of transfiguration
 Eliza shall first come

- demon cast out, goeth not but by prayer & fasting
- foretells death & resurrection - they're sorry
- tribute in the fish

Mark 8 - feeding of 4000
 ask for sign
 leaven of Ph. S. & H.
 heals a blind man

- whom say ye that I am
- Thou art the Christ

Mark 9
 "help thou mine unbelief"

- they argued about who would be greatest
- if any man desire to be first, he shall be the last
- whoso shall hurt these little ones
- worm dieth not

Luke 9
 12 sent forth on a mission
 feeding of the 5,000
 confession of Peter

Pharisees & Sadducees had received signs, but they didn't accept them. Contrast this with the man who said Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief.

The "leaven" of the Pharisees is legalism. The leaven of the Sadducees is rationalism. The leaven of Herod is opportunism.

"Stand Forever" Lawrence Corbridge - miracles are not more remarkable than creation

Thou art the Christ meant something far different to Peter

Psalms 2

1 Chronicles 17

Isaiah 11

Daniel 2

Messiah conquers
 Israel's enemies in
 strength

In contrast, Christ begins to teach them about the kind of Messiah in Isaiah 53 (starts in 52)

Isaiah 52-53

Get thee behind me, Satan! (adversary)

Heaven
of
Pharisees

- Jesus heard Peter saying the same things Satan had said to him. Tempting him to undo the choice to make the kingdom of Heaven different from earthly kingdoms.

So Jesus has to teach this truth: The greatest in the kingdom of God will be the servant of all. The strongest will be the humblest. Instead of resisting evil, we answer it with love and truth. And instead of concentrating wealth, we share it with the poor. Peter was inviting Jesus to become a beast, but Jesus chose to be a human being (Son of Man).

- Jesus had taught in the Lord's Prayer "lead us not into the test, but save us from the evil one."

some of you will not taste of death till you see God's glory

↳ this was placed on purpose right before the transfiguration part of understanding that Christ would come again

is knowing that he is making a choice to refrain from showing his power so that we can make a choice to walk in his statutes (Ez 36:27)

Satan's way of "causing us" to walk in God's statutes creates beasts

God's way is to show us such mercy that we choose it ourselves

if any man shall desire to be first, he shall be last → the concise explanation of Christ's rationale

Contrast man whose child is healed ("help thou mine unbelief") with Peter

pick up his cross = put the noose around his neck

i.e. die to the kinds of things that currently worry you

worm dieth not = your body is constantly permanently in a state of decay
you are

Peter is praised for recognizing Christ as the Messianic King, then rebuked for mistaking the nature of the kingdom, and Jesus performs ~~the~~ healings, ~~teaches~~ deepens his ^{instruction} ~~teaching~~, and ~~brings~~ introduces his disciples to Moses, Elijah, and God Himself to teach the difference.