

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

CHAPTER 17

Jesus heals an epileptic boy

17:14-16 - When they returned to the crowds again a man came and knelt in front of Jesus. "Lord, do have pity on my son," he said, "for he is a lunatic and is in a terrible state. He is always falling into the fire or into the water. I did bring him to your disciples but they couldn't cure him."

17:17 - "You really are an unbelieving and difficult people," Jesus returned. "How long must I be with you, and how long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!"

17:18 - Then Jesus reprimanded the evil spirit and it went out of the boy, who was cured from that moment.

17:19 - Afterwards the disciples approached Jesus privately and asked, "Why weren't we able to get rid of it?"

17:20-21 - "Because you have so little faith," replied Jesus. "I assure you that if you have as much faith as a grain of mustard-seed you can say to this hill, 'Up you get and move over there!' and it will move - you will find nothing is impossible." "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting"