

# *Matthew's Gospel*

## Chapter 21b

### Matthew 17:20

He said to them, “Is it because of the littleness of your faith? For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, **you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move**, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

### Matthew 21:21-22

And Yeshua answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even **if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen**. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

# Assignment:

- Read and discuss these two passages (**17:20** & **21:21-22**) *and their contexts.*
- Find as many similarities and differences as you can.

Q: "Why could we not cast it out?"

Q: "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?"

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Plant: Mustard seed

Plant: Fig tree

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Descending mount of transfiguration

Descending Mount of Olives.

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"Son of God"

"Son of David"

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Private event

Public event

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Drives out demon

Drives out merchants & money changers

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Mountain moves

Mountain destroyed.

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**1st ADVENT**

**2nd ADVENT**

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## Genesis 28:16-17

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “**Surely Adonai is in this place, and I did not know it.**”

And he was **afraid** and said, “**How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**”

## Deuteronomy 32:3-6

“For I will proclaim the name of Adonai; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He. They have dealt corruptly with Him; they are no longer His children because they are blemished; they are **a crooked and twisted generation.** Do you thus repay Adonai, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father, who created you, who made you and established you?”

## Matthew 3:10

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.



### Luke 20:6

“But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”

## Three Parables for the Religious

- The Parable of the **Father** (21:28-32)
- The Parable of the **Landowner** (21:33-45)
- The Parable of the **King** (22:1-14)

### Each parable contains:

- A son
- Obedience and disobedience
- Spiritual blindness
- An unexpected outcome
- Religious impropriety (i.e. it is not “*religiously correct*”)