

“Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 9:1-9:29

“But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!”

And Jesus said to him, “If You can!”

All things are possible to him who believes.”

Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying,

“I do believe; help my unbelief.”

Mark 9:22b - 24, NAS

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The Words

Kingdom (of God) - βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ - (1) abstractly, the power exercised by a king: *kingship, royal rule, reign* (Acts 1:6); (2) concretely, the territory ruled by a king: *kingdom, realm* (Matthew 4:8); (3) predominantly in the NT of the rule of God as promised, prophesied, and fulfilled through the spiritual rule of God in the hearts of men now

(Romans 14:17), and ultimately to be fulfilled in the messianic reign of Christ on earth: *reign, kingdom* (Luke 1:33).

Power - δύναμις - (1) as able to produce a strong effect: *power, might, strength* (Acts 1:8); plural, as universal or supernatural rulers: *powers* (Matthew 24:29); (2) as capacity for something: *ability, capability* (2 Corinthians 8:3); (3) as ability to communicate through language: *meaning, force* (1 Corinthians 14:11); (4) as supernatural manifestations of power: *miracle, wonder, powerful deed* (Hebrews 2:4); (5) as the value and usefulness of money: *wealth, resources, riches* (Revelation 18:3).

Transfigured - μετεμορφώθην - to change the essential form or nature of something: *to become, to change, to be changed into, to be transformed*; (1) of an outwardly perceptible change of form: *be transfigured, changed in appearance* (Matthew 17:2); (2) of an inward change of nature: *be changed, transformed*; Example: “but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2).

Radiant - στίλβω - glisten, as an effect of radiating very bright light: *shine, glisten, be radiant* (Mark 9:3). This unusual term is used in the New Testament of the brightness of heavenly visitors.

Tabernacle - σκηνή - tent, booth; (1) generally of transitory, movable lodging places for nomads, pilgrims, herdsmen, soldiers, constructed of various materials: *tent, lodging, dwelling* (Hebrews 11:9); (2) as the portable divine sanctuary *Tabernacle, Tent* (Exodus 26:1 ff, Hebrews 8:5); (3) as referring to the temple in Jerusalem (Hebrews 13:10); (4) as referring to the outer and inner rooms of the Tabernacle, comprising the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9:2-8); (5) as a portable case for an idol: *shrine* (Acts 7:43); (6) figuratively of the heavenly dwelling place of God: *sanctuary* (Revelation 13:6); (7) plural as the eternal habitations of the righteous: *dwellings, homes* (Luke 16:9).

Believe - πιστεύω - to believe something to be true and, hence, worthy of being trusted: *to believe, to think to be true, to regard as trustworthy*: (1) as primarily an intellectual evaluation: *believe* (John 11:26b); (2) as primarily a religious commitment, with God or Christ as the object of faith: *believe (in), trust* (Acts 16:34); (3) as committing something to someone: *entrust, trust* (Luke 16:11); passively, as having something committed to someone: *be entrusted with* (Romans 3:2).