

Deane Church + Lostock Church
w/b Sunday 18th March 2018
Matthew 17:14-23

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NB verse 21 is absent from most modern translations since it is not found in the earliest manuscripts. In the King James version it is included as a footnote and reads: *“But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

1. What is the context of this incident? What has just occurred?
2. Why might the disciples have been a little embarrassed?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' words in vv22-23, straight after the incident of vv14-20?
4. Have you ever experienced an anticlimax / spiritual 'depression' after a time of fruitful Gospel ministry? What do we need to remember in those times?
5. Are illnesses the result of demonic influence? Then? Now?
See also Matthew 4:24
6. What might moving a mountain (v20) look like in your life?

Thinking ahead and thinking of mission.... **6th-15th July** the four churches of the LAMB (**L**ostock, **A**ndrew's, **M**ary's, **B**ede's) Gospel Partnership will be working together to run a mission 'week.' The Bishop of Bolton will be with us on the evening of **Tuesday 26th June** to launch the mission. Already various central events are being planned. Could your church group organise a 'special' that week? A guest / invitation meeting? Have a pray and think about it.

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NB The next Bible study will be after Easter now.