

# Down to Earth with a Bump!

*Mark 9.14-32*

*The mountain top v5 – wonderful!  
the harsh realities of a fallen world*

## 1. The Destructive Tendency of Evil

- *a malevolent spirit v 17,20,25  
had robbed the boy - of speech,  
hearing, self-control, energy  
suddenly Lk 9.39; frequently v22*
- *evil: aims only to steal, kill, destroy  
John 10.10*
- *Jesus: appeared to destroy the  
devil's works 1 John 3.8*

## 2. The Complete Conquest of Evil

- *Jesus – his timely arrival v15*
- *Jesus – his calming influence v16*
- *Jesus – complete mastery vs25-27*

*rebuked, ordered out, no return,  
complete restoration John 10.10*

- *Jesus – his ultimate triumph  
over all evil John 12.31;  
Col 2.15; 1 Cor 15.25; Rev 20.10*

### 3. Faith Can Conquer Diffidence

- *faith may suffer set backs vs17,19*
- *faith can be difficult for some*
- *Jesus understands vs 22-23  
our ‘anything’ ... his ‘everything’  
the tug-of-war for faith Jude 22*
- *faith is trusting Jesus to help us  
Mat 17.20*

### 4. Prayer – Always Indispensable

- *“why couldn’t we do it?” vs28-29  
no power without prayer 3.15;6.13  
unbelief – backs ourselves  
faith – depends on God  
and trusts him to do what’s best*