

LISTEN TO JESUS

Matthew 17:1-27

Key verse 5

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’”

1. When, where and with whom did Jesus go (1)? Describe what happened (2-3). What does this reveal about Jesus (Rev 1:13-16)? Why is this important to his disciples and to us?
2. What did Peter suggest and why (4)? Read verse 5. What did the voice declare about Jesus? What is significant about the command “listen to him”? How did the disciples and Jesus respond (6-8)? What impact did this have (2Pe 1:16-18)?
3. When did Jesus want his disciples to talk about what they saw (9)? Why did the disciples ask about Elijah (10; Mal 4:5)? What did Jesus teach about Elijah (11-13; 11:14)? How would Jesus likewise suffer?
4. What was going on at the foot of the mountain when Jesus arrived (14-16)? Why did Jesus rebuke his generation (17a)? What did he do for the boy (17b-18)? What did he teach his disciples about faith (19-20)?
5. What did Jesus tell his disciples when they came together in Galilee (22-23a)? How did they respond (23b)? What challenge did Peter receive (24)? What did Jesus teach him about his true identity (25-26)? Why did he pay the tax anyway (27)?
6. In view of this passage, what does Jesus want us to hear and understand?