

Listen to Him

Matthew 17:1-13

Getting Started

Describe a friend of yours who's a good listener.

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 17:1-4.** What had happened 6 days earlier?
2. Why do you think Jesus only took Peter, James and John?
3. Compare v. 2 with the appearance of Jesus in Rev. 1:12-16.
4. Why do you think God gave the disciples a preview of Christ's glory?
5. What was the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah?
6. **Read Matthew 17:5-8.** How did God authenticate his Son?
7. Compare v. 5 with Matthew 3:17. Note the similarities and differences.
8. How did the disciples respond to the voice from heaven?
9. **Read Matthew 17:9-13.** Jesus twice refers to himself as the *Son of Man* in these verses. What is the significance of this self-description? (cf. Daniel 7:13-14)
10. Why do you think Jesus told his disciples **not** to tell anyone what they had seen – until after his resurrection?
11. Why did the disciples think Elijah had to come before the Messiah? (cf. Malachi 4:5-6)
12. In what sense was John the Baptist a fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy? (cf. Luke 1:13-17)



Getting Personal

- What does it mean to really listen to God?
- What are some ways we can listen to him?
- How are you giving God an opportunity to speak to you?
- What new steps would you like to take?