

Let Us Hear Jesus  
(Matthew 17:1-5)

Introduction:

1. On this occasion Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John.
2. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, and they talked with the Lord.
3. This event was made even more special when God spoke.
  - a. He first identified Jesus as His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased.
  - b. He also said, "*hear ye Him.*"
4. In our lesson we are placing special emphasis on the fact that God requires us to hear His Son -- "let us hear Jesus."
5. Let us begin our study by pointing out that . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS IS GOD'S SPOKESMAN TODAY
  - A. This point is clearly revealed in Hebrews 1:1-2a.
  - B. In the past God had spoken to the Israelites through Moses who was a great leader.
    1. A contrast made between Jesus and Moses in Hebrews 3:1-6 shows how the Lord is superior to Moses.
    2. Furthermore, the law that God gave through Moses is no longer in effect (Colossians 2:14).
  - C. In the past God had also spoken to the Israelites through the prophets.
    1. Elijah was one of the greatest prophets.
    2. We learn from Hebrews 1:2b-3 that Christ is superior to the prophets.
  - D. In the past God had required His people to listen to Moses and the prophets; however, today He requires us to listen to His Son.
  - E. The Lord speaks to us through His Word, the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15).
  - F. Love for God and Christ will lead us to obey His will (1 John 5:3; John 14:15).
  - G. To help us fulfill God's instruction to hear His Son, let us consider . . .
- II. 5 SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE LORD'S WORDS REVEALED IN JOHN
  - A. First, the Lord's words are the Father's words (John 12:49-50; 14:24).
  - B. Second, the Lord's words were validated by His works (John 3:1-2; 14:10).
  - C. Third, the Lord's words are unique (John 6:63, 68; 7:30-32, 45-46).
  - D. Fourth, the Lord's words are associated with very special blessings (John 5:24; 8:31-32; 15:7, 14).
  - E. Fifth, the Lord's words are associated with responsibilities (John 14:21, 23).

Conclusion:

1. Let us hear Jesus as the Father commanded.
2. As we listen to Him speak in His Word, let us hear with obedient hearts.