

▼ **Listen To Jesus! - Part 1**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 17:1-13**

▼ **Determine the Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Recognize that there's more to Jesus than what you've seen so far.
- Recognize that Jesus is God's supreme revelation of himself.
- Listen to Jesus!
- Don't sleep on this like some leaders slept on John the Baptist.
- Do what Jesus says!

▼ **Recognize that there's more to Jesus than what you've seen so far.**

- What have you seen so far?

▼ Does your knowledge of Jesus extend down the ladder of abstraction or is it limited to the higher levels?

▼ Example 1

- Jesus was a great man.
- Jesus did miracles.
- Jesus healed people.
- Jesus healed the woman with the "issue of blood".
- Jesus healed the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years despite having seen numerous doctors.

▼ Example 2

- Jesus was a teacher.
- Jesus taught love.
- Jesus taught: "love your enemies".
- Jesus taught: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".
- Jesus taught his disciples to love their enemies and pray for those who persecuted them; he demonstrated this throughout his life - especially when he was sentenced to death by crucifixion.

▼ God told Peter James and John to prioritize Jesus over their natural regard for Moses and Elijah.

- Think: Thomas Jefferson & George Washington; James Madison & Abraham Lincoln; FDR & MLK
- ▼ It all leads to Jesus:
 - Deuteronomy 18:15-19
 - Matthew 13:10-17
 - Luke 16:16
 - “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.
- ▼ **Recognize that Jesus is God’s supreme revelation of himself.**
 - Colossians 1:9-20
 - Hebrews 1:1-4
- ▼ **Listen to Jesus!**
 - We cannot please God without hearing and obeying Jesus!
 - John 14:15-26
 - John 15:1-14
 - Matthew 28:18-20
- ▼ **Don’t sleep on this like some leaders slept on John the Baptist.**
 - Matthew 13:13-15
- ▼ **Do what Jesus says!**
 - Put his words into practice! - Matthew 7:21-29
- ▼ **Tentative Discussion / Reflection Questions (for next week):**
 - What have you read/learned about Jesus recently?
 - What has Jesus been saying to you recently?
 - Which of Jesus’ teachings have you been putting into practice recently?
 - Which of Jesus’ teachings do you need to put into practice next?