

▼ **Listen To Jesus! - Part 2**

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

▼ **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?
- ▼ 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
- ▼ Jesus can still surprise us!
 - Is that OK, or do you have a need to be in control?
 - Do you need Jesus to be in a box: safe and predictable?
 - Are you willing to let God make you uncomfortable?

▼ **Jesus is God's supreme revelation of himself.**

- Colossians 1:9-20
- Hebrews 1:1-4
- ▼ Does this make you uncomfortable?
 - The Bible declares Jesus to be God's ultimate revelation.
 - Some of us may have a hard time accepting this.
 - This is exclusive language! If true, all other religions are false!
 - This isn't compatible with our culture's religious pluralism.
- Are you willing to let the Bible make you uncomfortable?

▼ **Listen to Jesus!**

- We cannot please God without hearing and obeying Jesus!
- ▼ The Bible declares Jesus to be the focus of God's activity!

- Does this make you uncomfortable?
- ▼ If so, what about it makes you uncomfortable?
 - The exclusivity?
 - The focus on Jesus?
 - The past and current failures of the church?
 - ▶ The hypocrisy of many who claim to be Christians?
 - Your own failures to obey Jesus?
- ▼ Are you willing to be uncomfortable?
 - How does your discomfort affect your Christian life?
 - How does it affect the way you listen to Jesus?
 - How does it affect the way you talk about Jesus?
- ▼ **Don't sleep on this like those who slept on John the Baptist.**
 - Matthew 13:13-15
- ▼ **Do what Jesus says!**
 - ▼ Passages:
 - Put his words into practice! - Matthew 7:21-29
 - John 14:15-26
 - John 15:1-14
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - ▶ Jesus has no problem being the focus of God's activity!
 - ▶ Are you willing to be uncomfortable?
- **Son of Man - Daniel 7**
- ▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions:**
 - How has your understanding of Jesus changed over time? How do you view him now?
 - Is it OK for Jesus to surprise you? To make you uncomfortable?
 - The Bible teaches that Jesus is God's supreme revelation of himself to us. What does this mean to you? How does what Jesus taught and did affect the way you see God?