

▼ **Listen To Jesus! - Part 3**

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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?

▼ 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.

- 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?
- 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?
  - ▶ Are you willing to be uncomfortable?

▼ **Don't sleep on this like those who slept on John the Baptist.**

Matthew 13:13-15

- Are you looking at the world around you with Bible-conditioned eyes?
- The Bible is more than just "holy information"; it's "holy conditioning". You have to keep immersing yourself in it in order to be able to flow with what God is doing. If you don't do this you'll be like a tourist in a foreign country who doesn't speak the language.

▼ **Do what Jesus says!**

▼ Passages:

- Put his words into practice! - Matthew 7:21-29
- John 14:15-26; John 15:1-4; Matthew 28:18-20

▼ Jesus has no problem being the focus of God's activity!

- Does this make you uncomfortable?

▼ What 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?

- Did Jesus let the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders stop him from proclaiming God's Kingdom?
- Your own failures to obey Jesus?

▼ Are you willing to be uncomfortable?

- Some of us may have a hard time accepting this.
  - ▶ This affects: evangelism, service, fighting for justice.

• **Son of Man - Daniel 7**