

▼ **Listen To Jesus! - Part 4**

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

▼ **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?
- ▶ 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?

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

Colossians 1:9-20; Hebrews 1:1-4

- ▶ Does this make you uncomfortable? Is that OK?

▼ **Listen to Jesus!**

- To please God we must hear and obey Jesus!
- ▶ The Bible sees Jesus as the focus of God's activity!
- ▶ Are you willing to be uncomfortable?

▼ **Don't sleep on this like some leaders 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 "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!**

Put his words into practice! - Matthew 7:21-29; John 14:15-26; John 15:1-5; Matthew 28:18-20

▼ **Cultivate relationships the way Jesus did.**

- ▼ Jesus walked his inner circle through an uncomfortable experience.

- ▼ In order to walk an inner circle through uncomfortable experiences with God:
 - You have to be able to handle uncomfortable experiences with God yourself.
 - You have to be committed to walking with others.
- ▼ Jesus took an inner circle with him up the mountain to have a deeper experience with the Father.
 - In order to have an inner circle you have to have a circle of disciples - all of the people who are committed to learning from you.
 - In order to have a circle of disciples, you have to be able to choose disciples from a larger pool of people with whom you're in relationship.
 - ▶ In order to have a larger pool of people you need to be meeting new people and sharing the good news with them as part of your lifestyle.
 - We'll have more to say about expanding the pool of people you meet later.
- ▼ For now, think about your current relationships:
 - How does the way you handle your existing relationships affect others?
 - Are people attracted to or repelled by the way they see you relating to others?
 - Do you relate to your brothers and sisters here in a way that would be attractive to outsiders?
 - If visitors were to hear your conversations would they want to stay or "get out of Dodge"?
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