

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 9:2-13

Title: Listen to Jesus

Big Idea: Listen to Jesus, the beloved Son of God.



I. THE GLORY OF JESUS (vv. 2-3)

“The gospel does change us, but it’s not true because it changes us. It’s true because it happened...it changed the world not because it was a great moral crusade or educational project, but because Jesus died for our sins and was raised for our justification.”

– Michael Horton

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (2 Peter 1:16)

II. THE GREATNESS OF JESUS (vv. 4-6)

Elijah & Moses

1. Malachi 4:4-6
 - Remember the instruction of Moses, remember the law of my servant Moses
 - the promised sending of Elijah the prophet before the coming day of the LORD
2. Rejection & Suffering
 - Moses rejected by his people in the OT
 - Elijah (1 Kings 19:14)
3. Sinai

III. THE GREEN LIGHT FROM THE FATHER (vv. 7-8)

And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” (v. 7)

Cloud & Voice

- Exodus 24:15-16
- Exodus 19:9

“The manifestly divine means of communication authenticates the messenger.” – R.T. France

IV. GROWTH AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS (vv. 9-13)

Growth as disciples comes as we understand who Jesus is, believe in Him, and listen to Him.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Mark 9:2-13

What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing and talking with Jesus? (vv. 4-5)

How does God's declaration, "*This is my beloved Son; listen to him*" affirm Jesus' identity? (v. 7)

Why do you think Jesus commanded the disciples to keep this event a secret until after His resurrection? (v. 9) What do the disciples' questions about Elijah reveal about their understanding of prophecy and Jesus' mission? (vv. 11-13)

The Transfiguration revealed Jesus' divine glory. How does this shape your understanding of who Jesus is?

Have you ever experienced a "mountaintop moment" in your faith, where God's presence felt especially real? How did it impact you?

God's voice calls us to "listen to Him." What are some practical ways you can better listen to Jesus in your daily life?

How does the disciples' confusion in this passage mirror our own struggles with understanding God's plans?

The Transfiguration connects Jesus' suffering and glory. How does this encourage you to endure trials, knowing the hope of glory?

PRAY