

JESUS ON THE MTN

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Week of February 19

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-13

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” 10 And the disciples asked him, “Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” 11 He replied, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, 12 but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductions:

- Share a "mountain-top" experience with the group.

Scripture Reflection:

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does it tell us about people?

Sermon Reflection:

- Pastor Josh spent a lot of time talking about how many Scriptural references there are in this New Testament passage. Have you ever thought about reading the Bible that way?
- Pastor Josh said that the most important part of this passage is that Jesus comes near the disciples to "touch them," and tells them to not be afraid. What does it mean to you that Jesus comes near us and touches our lives? Where have you seen this happen in your own life?

Closing Question & Application:

- What did God say to you during the conversation today?
- How might you live out that learning this week?

Prayer: *(save a little extra time for this)*

Have everyone get into partners and encourage them to share what they need prayer for in the upcoming week then have everyone pray right then and there for their partners. End by singing the doxology together.