



Matthew 17:1-8 New Revised Standard Version

¹ 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.

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“Jesus was either a Lunatic, a Liar, or Lord.” –C.S. Lewis

“Just what do you see in him or her?” We have all probably heard or uttered such a question at some point. Usually, it is with regard to a relationship between two people, where, as they say, “Opposites attract.” A person may respond to the inquiry with “He is not what you assume” or “You need to get to know her.”

Much had been seen in and said of Jesus to the point that Jesus had just recently asked the disciples others’ opinions of him. The scene in this week’s Gospel Lesson is one of revelation featuring Jesus, his “inner circle” of disciples, and representatives of Israel’s past. Some will call this a moment of confirmation for Jesus in his ministry as Jerusalem loomed in the distance. Others view it as a time for moving the disciples’ ideas and assumptions to a new and higher level. Whatever we call this experience, it was a moment of change for Jesus and a new perspective for his followers. Albeit, it would be some time before they fully understood.

- 1. In Jesus, we see the fullness of who God is.**
- 2. In Jesus, we discover the fulfillment of God’s purposes.**
- 3. In Jesus, we find the One to whom we must listen.**

Prayer Pebble: Lord, open my eyes that I may see your Son for who he truly is instead of what I want him to be. Amen.