

Peter: His Life & Letters

Jesus is God's Son – 'Listen to Him'

Read the following verses: Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 2:16-18

Examining the Text:

1. How close was the transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17) to Peter's confession in Matthew 16:16?
2. What do Moses and Elijah represent?
3. Peter's response in Matthew 17 provoked a response from God the Father. What was wrong with Peter's suggestion? What does God's response imply about our considerations of 'prophets', religions and leading characters in the different religions?
4. Peter was told to "listen to Him (i.e. Jesus). How do we hear Jesus today?

Digging Deeper:

1. From 2 Peter 1:16-18, what points does Peter make about the transfiguration?
2. When we compare the Matthew 17 account of Jesus' transfiguration and Peter's recalling of it in 2 Peter 1, we see that Peter quotes what God the Father said. What is it that Peter omits?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. What experiences of hearing Jesus have you had?
2. Discuss with one another the kind of things that we tend to be put on the same level as Jesus, whether we do it intentionally or not?