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Listen to Him

Matthew 17:1–13

In what ways do you diminish or domesticate Jesus?

The incomparable glory of Jesus demands
our undivided allegiance and obedience.

Matthew 17

1 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

2 He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light.

2 Peter 1:16–18

We made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased!” We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Revelation 1:13–17

Among the lampstands was one like the Son of Man, dressed in a robe and with a golden sash wrapped around his chest. The hair of his head was white as wool—white as snow—and his eyes like a fiery flame. His feet were like fine bronze as it is fired in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of cascading waters. He had seven stars in his right hand; a sharp double-edged sword came from his mouth, and his face was shining like the sun at full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man.

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3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him.

4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

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5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.

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7 Jesus came up, touched them, and said, “Get up; don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up they saw no one except Jesus alone.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us”

--A.W. Tozer

Matthew 17

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

10 So the disciples asked him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” 11 “Elijah is coming and will restore everything,” he replied.

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12 “But I tell you: Elijah has already come, and they didn’t recognize him. On the contrary, they did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

Will you keep Jesus domesticated,
or will you surrender your life to his will?
Will you listen to Jesus tell you what to believe and how to live?
Will you listen to Jesus tell you how to lose your life
so you can gain it?
Will you listen to Jesus tell you how to follow him
from suffering to glory?
Will you see Jesus for who he really is and make him
Lord over everything?

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