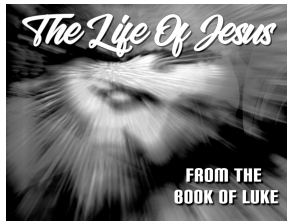


## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND WHEN WE SEE JESUS FOR WHO HE REALLY IS?

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**Luke 9:28-36** New English Translation

Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became very bright, a brilliant white. <sup>30</sup> Then two men, Moses and Elijah, began talking with him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke about his departure (exodus) that he was about to carry out at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those with him were quite sleepy, but as they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> Then as the men were starting to leave, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. So they kept silent and told no one at that time anything of what they had seen.

1. The miraculous events in this story make it easy to miss the intent for going up the mountain in the first place. Prayer. No one in history has ever had a more demanding life than Jesus, but he never neglected to make time to pray. How about you?

Luke 5:16 *"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."*

*"God doesn't want us to pile up impressive phrases. He doesn't want us to use words without thinking about their meaning. He wants us to talk to him as to a friend or father—authentically, reverently, personally, earnestly."* - Bill Hybels, *Too Busy Not To Pray* pg. 54

2. It's clear that Peter doesn't know how to react to what he has seen. The Father comes to the rescue and tells Peter what he should take away from the event. Jesus is the chosen one! Listen to Him! The more we come to recognize who Jesus is & what He has done for us, the more natural it becomes to, "Listen to Him".

John 14:15 *"If you love me, you will obey my commandments."*

John 15:14 *"You are my friends if you do what I command you."*

John 10:27-28 ***My sheep listen to my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand.*

3. If you ever find yourself depressed that you haven't figured out all this "God stuff" yet, or feel like you should "have it more together" by this point in your life. Take heart, you're in good company. The Bible is full of people like you, God didn't give up on them. He won't give up on you. Don't give up on Him.

Exodus 34:5-6 *"The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there... "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness*

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