

God Confirms Jesus is His Son

**In Matthew 16 Jesus is declared God over above all gods worshipped by man:
In Matthew 17 God declares Jesus as His Son above Moses the great law giver
and above Elijah the great prophet.**

Matthew 17:1-3; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-36; Revelation 1:9-18; Hebrews 1; Hebrews 3:1-6; Exodus 40

1. Why did Jesus take Peter, James, and John up into the highest mountain? Do you think God called Jesus up to the mountain to strengthen him for his coming cross? What lesson can you see in pulling away to be alone (on mountain top) with God?
2. Why were these three chosen to go alone to the mountaintop?
3. Describe the change in Jesus appearance. How could speaking with Moses and Elijah encourage Jesus; how could the meeting bless Moses and Elijah. How can this meeting encourage you about those who have died that you love?

Matthew 17:4-13; Exodus 40:34

4. What is the significance of God speaking from a fiery cloud to these Jewish Men?
5. Do you think it helped the Jewish men to better understand who Jesus was by speaking in a cloud, why?
6. What was Peter's reaction? How did the disciples react to hearing the voice of God? How did Jesus comfort them? How did Jesus' answer concerning Elijah further confirm he was God's Son?

Matthew 17:14-23

7. How does the healing of the epileptic son by Jesus confirm that the disciples would be working through God's power, and not their own? What was lacking in the disciples?
8. How much faith is necessary for God to act in our lives? Jewish believed, "mountain removed" was to pull something up by the roots. Why would this be necessary for us to be free of sin?

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Matthew 17:24 -27

9. What problem comes up when they return to Capernaum; how does Jesus solve the problem, what does he use to pay the tax? What is the significance of Jesus statement in verse 26?
10. Since this was the temple tax that all Jewish men paid; how did Jesus feel about the temple? What was the first thing he did in his early ministry in the temple?
11. From verse 27, what example did Jesus set for us?
12. Reread all of chapter 17, do you see any connection between these three accounts: if so what did you learn?