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Jesus Is What God Has to Say

Matthew 17:1-8

Series: Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God
(Summer Reading Series)

Central Passage

Matthew 17:5–8 (ESV) — **5** [Peter] was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed 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 on their faces and were terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." **8** And when they lifted up their eyes, **they saw no one but Jesus only.**

Central Thought: Jesus is the ultimate expression of the person and purposes of God, and the complete fulfillment of all that is foreshadowed in the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament.

- ❖ Jesus is the ultimate expression of the person and purposes of God.
- ❖ Jesus is greater than all those who've come before him (or after him)

Hebrews 1:1–4 (NLT) — **1** Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. **2** And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. **3** The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. **4** This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

- ❖ Jesus is the interpretive key to all of scripture.

John 5:39–40 (ESV) — **39** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, **40** yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Luke 24:25–27 (ESV) — **25** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

- ❖ Jesus completely fulfills God's word and will on the cross.

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) — **15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

John 3:16–17 (ESV) — **16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

- ❖ We are called to carry on the ministry of Jesus in the way of Jesus!

Ephesians 5:1–2 (ESV) — **1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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