

“LISTEN TO HIM!”



Wrapped in the Garment of Jesus at the Foot of the Cross
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He was still speaking, when lo, 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."

Matthew 17

“Listen to him!”

If there was ever a word from heaven to Christendom it's the word that came to Peter when he missed the point of the vision.

The Father is revealing Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

“Jesus is my Son.”

Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus is all we need.

Peter doesn't get it.

“How 'bout if I build three shrines here, Lord? One for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased.

Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Jesus only.



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Did Peter finally get it?

Do we?

The moment we add Moses or Elijah, *eternal security*, *tongues*, the *rapture*, a *political agenda*, or *fund raising* to Jesus,

... we have lost our way.

Christendom is loaded with religious kingdoms that use Jesus mainly as a marketing tool.

They are urgent about issues, doctrines, projects, agendas, and lukewarm in their love for Jesus.

These kingdoms rise and fall.

They grow and they shrink.

They split and they multiply.

In every case Jesus has to share the spotlight with one Christian idol or another.

But here's the truth:

Jesus is still Lord.

He is Lord alone.

He needs no props.

No "interpreters".

No financial support.

No help from politicians.

So who are we listening to?

Who has the final word?

Who actually rules our lives?

If we believe that Jesus, alive from the dead, is Lord, why aren't we listening to him?

And only to him!

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

I Corinthians 2



Draw Close to the Cross
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Prayer- Lord, beautiful Lord that we could hear the voice of the Father in our hearts saying to us... "this is my beloved son...listen to him...in him I am pleased" That we could lift our faces in awe of you Jesus, only you. That the impetus of our lives is to draw close to you and listen with all we have, so we can rise without fear, without agendas and simply follow you, only you. MM

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