

Jesus on the Mountain

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Mark 9:2-13

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Synopsis:

What would it take for you to be absolutely convinced that in Jesus we meet the God of the universe; and knowing this to respond with your whole life to enjoy and follow him?

This is what I want to talk to you about today. Today's text teaches that in Jesus we encounter God in categories that make sense to us, so that we might enjoy and follow Jesus.

I.

Convinced

Mark 9:7 "This is my beloved Son, listen to him"

What would it take?

-Peter makes the confession (last week)

READ Mark 9:2

-Now he needs convincing

We make the confession

Now we need convincing

Here's what it took for Peter:

READ 2 Peter 1:16-18 (p. 287)

*What would convince you?

II.

In Categories That Make Sense

Mark 9:4 “There appeared to them Elijah with Moses”

Their Categories:

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- 6 days = Exodus 24 (pp 87-88)
 - Takes leaders = Exodus 24
 - High Mountain = Sinai (Hermon)
 - Elijah and Moses = Mal 4:4-5 Day of Lord
- READ (p 1089)
- Construct dwellings = Exod 40; John 1:14
 - Cloud = Exod 24 and 40
 - Voice “My beloved Son” = Psalm 2 (baptism)

Transfigured = Son of Man (Dan 7)

Sum = In Jesus they meet the God of Universe

Our Categories: We don't live in their world

What would convince you?

Changed lives, e.g. Men's Bible Study Saturday

III.

To Enjoy and Follow Jesus

Mark 9:8 “They saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus”

Invite you to enjoy and follow Jesus today:

Table = place on enjoyment and following

Exod 24 = went up to eat and drink with God

Food, Folks, and Fun:

Middle Eastern hospitality = Beir Zeit party

Passover hospitality = Sacrifice of God for us to follow