“LISTEN TO HIM!”

Matthew 17:1–13

Key Verse: 17:5

1. Note the time (17:1); what important things had just happened? (16:13–28) Who did Jesus take with him now, and why? (1; see also 4:18–22; 10:2; 26:37) Where did they go? (1b)
2. What did it mean that Jesus was “transfigured”? (2; compare with Jn17:5; Rev1:13–16) How was this different from his appearance until now? (Isa53:2) Who else had had a shining face, why, and what impact did it have? (Ex34:29–32) Why do you think God wanted Peter, James and John to see this?
3. Who appeared at this time? (3) In what way had their lives been similar to that of Jesus? What would their appearance at this time mean to the disciples? To Jesus? How did Peter respond to this scene, why did he want to stay there, and how does he represent all of us? (4)
4. Read verse 5. What did the bright cloud represent? (Ex40:34,35) Compare what the voice said here with Matthew 3:17. What does it mean to “listen” to Jesus, and why is this so important? (cf. Ac3:22,23) How did the disciples respond, and how did Jesus help them? (6–8)
5. How did Jesus instruct them, and why? (9) What did the disciples ask, and why? (11:13,14; Mal4:5,6) What did Jesus explain to them, and why? (10–13; 16:21)