

Sermon: Behold Our Prophet Jesus.
Series: Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King.

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-13.
Date: April 2, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Think about how God revealed himself in the OT, especially on mountain tops (Abraham and Isaac, Moses and the Law, Elijah and the false prophets). How is this revelation of God on a mountain top similar to those revelations? In what way is it different from those revelations?
- b) Do you struggle to believe that Jesus is God? How does the Transfiguration story reveal Jesus as God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) The Father speaks and tells us to listen to the Son. What do you tend to listen to more than you are listening to Jesus?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, or all of scripture. What is the danger of reading the Old Testament without seeing Christ in its pages?
- b) Read Hebrews 1:1-3. Jesus is the last prophet/revelation of God who is seated at God's right hand. What are some ways we look for a revelation from God beyond Christ and the gospel? Or, what are some ways that we look for a version of God that does not look like Christ Jesus?

APPLICATION

- a) The disciples are terrified when they hear the voice of God. How does Jesus comfort them in their fear? Are you experiencing this same comfort from Christ when you read the Bible, or does it terrify you still?
- b) The word "transfigured" is used in 2 Corinthians 3:18 and Romans 12:2 (translated as transformed) to describe what is happening to us. Where can you see God transforming you through suffering and through mind renewal into Christ's likeness?

FIGHTER VERSES: Romans 13:8-10.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his revelation of himself through Jesus.
- Confess ways that you have listened to other sources of "truth" above Jesus Christ.
- Thank Jesus for sharing his likeness with us.
- Ask God to continue transfiguring you into Christ's likeness.