

"This is My Son ... Listen to Him!"

Matthew 16:21-17:27

Key Verse: 17:5

1. What secret about Jesus' identity had the disciples learned in Chapter 16? Read 16: 21-23. From now on, what did Jesus begin to teach his disciples about what he must do? How did Peter respond? How did Jesus rebuke him? What does this mean?
2. Read 16:24-26. What is required of one who would be a disciple? What does it mean to want to save one's life? What does it mean to lose one's life for Jesus? What is of supreme value? Read verses 27-28. What does Jesus promise? Why must we not delay in our decision to follow Jesus?
3. Read 17:1-3. Where did Jesus go? Who did he take with him? What happened? Describe his transfigured appearance. Whom did he meet? Why these two? What were they talking about? (Lk 9:30-31) How is this event related to 16:28? What does this tell us about Jesus?
4. Read verses 4-8. How did Peter react? Why? How did the voice of God testify about Jesus? What does this mean? Why was God pleased with Jesus? Why did he tell the disciples to listen to him? How did the disciples respond?
5. Read verses 9-13. What were Jesus' instructions to them? Why? What great promise is hidden in these instructions? What did the disciples ask? Why? (Mal 4:4-6) What did Jesus teach about Elijah? How does this point to his own future?
6. Read 17:14-21. What was going on at the foot of the mountain when Jesus arrived? Why did Jesus rebuke the "unbelieving and perverse generation"? What did he do for the boy? What did he teach his disciples? (see Mk 11:24; 1Jn 5:14)
7. Read verses 17:22-27. What did Jesus tell his disciples when they came together in Galilee? How did they respond? To what extent did they understand? Who challenged Peter when they arrived in Capernaum? What does his response show about him? What did Jesus teach him about his true identity?