Hearing Jesus

Matthew 17:1-13

Intro:

A. The disciples developed some bad habits.
   1. They began to anticipate His words.
   2. They began to argue with His plans.
   3. They began to hold His teaching in unbelief.

B. When these things occurred God called them back to their first cause, hear Jesus.
   1. Do not try to out-think Him.
   2. Do not try to argue what is best for Him.
   3. Do not doubt what He teaches.

I. A Mountain Top Experience.

A. The high mountain apart.
   1. Peter, James, and John are taken, why not all of the Apostles, or all of the disciples?
      Vs.1-2
   2. See B.1,2,3, above
   3. transfigured = μεταμορφομαι = “to change one’s form,” “to change one’s appearance”
   4. The “change” is described in v.2.

B. The appearance of others. V.3
   1. Moses and Elijah.
   2. appeared = ἰδον = “to see,” “to look,” This is not the action of the eye but refers to the thing seen.
   3. talking = συλλαλεῖν = “in conjunction with,” “to confer with,” “to discuss together.”

C. The proposal of Peter. V.4
   1. tabernacles = σκηνή = “any covered sheltered place,” “a tent,” “a booth”
   2. Peter wished to extend the experience. He wanted to enjoy the experience rather than learn from it.

D. The response of God.
   1. A bright cloud overshadowed them. V.5
   2. A voice out of the cloud.
   3. “This is my beloved Son”
4. "in whom I am well pleased."
5. "hear ye him." His voice was more important than His appearance.

E. The disciples and Jesus.
1. They were terribly afraid. V.6
2. Jesus touched them. V.7
3. He encouraged them to not be afraid.
4. They saw no man "save Jesus only". V.8

II. Disciples Should Hear Jesus Only.

A. He forbade them to tell the vision.
1. They thought they had solved a problem. V.9
2. Malachi 4:5-6
3. This had been a serious problem. V.10

B. The scriptures will always be fulfilled.
1. This scripture spoke of a time just before the Millennial Kingdom. V.11
2. This scripture had already been fulfilled. V.12
3. This disciples understood. V.13