



“He May Get Us...”

Matthew 17:1-9 | 02.19.23

Sermon Recap

- Do you think profoundly spiritual experiences are manufactured or authentic?
- Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain where they have a mystical experience (i.e., a vision of him being transfigured)
- This experience seems to confirm what Jesus said about himself in the previous chapter (i.e., he is a suffering messiah)
- This mystical experience also seems to indicate that the disciples do not have Jesus “figured out” as much as they might think. They must learn to live with the tension of Jesus being both glorified and crucified.
- This passage reminds us that discipleship is a journey, and we never really arrive. Sometimes we “ascend the mountain,” and sometimes we “climb back down.” Either way, we don’t get to pick the version of Jesus that we like best, we are simply called to follow him wherever he leads us and experience him however he chooses to reveal himself.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Name at least one snack that can almost always be found in your home.
2. What is your initial feeling about a multi-day worship service? Are you more of a critic or ready to charter a bus?
3. How would you summarize this week’s message in your own words?
4. As we begin the Lenten season, do you need to ascend the mountain or climb back down?
5. How have you witnessed God’s grace recently?

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6. How can we pray for you?