

“Interrupting Jesus”

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The story of Jesus’ transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-9) takes place six days after Peter’s bold confession of Christ and Jesus’ prediction of His own death and resurrection.

Matthew 16:16

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Throughout the Bible, God reveals Himself to people on mountaintops. He does so here with Peter, James, and John (three of Jesus’ closest disciples) as Jesus experiences a “metamorphosis” before them.

Who also appears with Jesus on the mountain?

What is the significance of their presence?

While Jesus is having a conversation with Old Testament heroes, Moses and Elijah, Peter interrupts. He can’t keep himself from talking!

1. He tells Jesus what a blessing it is to be with Him.
2. He reveals His plan to build three identical shelters: for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

What’s wrong with Peter’s plan?

Enveloped by a bright cloud—which reveals “the Majestic Glory” of God (2 Peter 1:17)—the disciples hear the voice of God the Father. His voice reveals:

1. Who Jesus is.
2. How the Father feels about Him.
3. How we should respond to Jesus.

How do the disciples immediately react to this revelation?

With a touch that calms their fears, Jesus tells the disciples to get up. As they look upon Christ alone, they see the glory of the Father and continue to hear His voice.

Even after Moses and Elijah return to heaven, Jesus remains with His disciples. He is the fulfillment of all the Law and the Prophets, and He alone is God’s Son and the Messiah!

How do we often act like Peter and interrupt Jesus?

How are we called to listen to Jesus in our lives today?

2 Peter 1:19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.