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UNVEILING JESUS' IDENTITY

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PREACHING POINT: We must strongly uphold our affirmation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God while insisting that the Messianic Age has already started!

1. See _____ (vv.1-3)

2. Insist _____ (vv.4-8)

3. Distinguish _____ (vv.9-13)

Matthew 17:1-13 (ESV)

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." 10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon.
2. Read Revelation 1:12-16 and Revelation 19:11-16. Why are verses like these necessary to confront the shallow, casual views of Jesus in our culture?
 - a. Where have you been guilty of minimizing who Jesus is in your life, and how does viewing him in light of his eternal glory impact your priorities, decisions, and affections?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21 and John 10:22-30. How can you be more bold, convictional and insistent on the divine identity of Jesus, especially toward those who are misinformed, dismissive, or even opposed to Jesus' true identity?
4. Read Matthew 17:5 and Deuteronomy 18:15. How should the truth that Jesus is both God's Son and the Prophet we're commanded to "listen to" motivate you to be more faithful to Him?
5. Read John 1:14; Matthew 28:18-20; and Matthew 24:29-31. How does distinguishing between the three phases of Jesus' mission (inauguration, continuation, consummation) help you understand what God is doing in his redemptive plan?
 - a. How can confusing, conflating or disregarding the distinct phases in Jesus' mission severely distort your understanding of how God wants you to live in this age (continuation)?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

September 7th
Prov 11-12 & 1 Cor 15:33-58

September 8th
Prov 13-14 & 1 Cor 16

September 9th
Proverbs 15-16 & 2 Cor 1

September 10th
Proverbs 17-18 & 2 Cor 2

September 11th
Proverbs 19-20 & 2 Cor 3

September 12th
Proverbs 21-22 & 2 Cor 4

September 13th
Proverbs 23-24 & 2 Cor 5

September 14th
Proverbs 25-27 & 2 Cor 6