The Transfiguration Matthew 16:28-17:13 April 20, 2014

Main Point:

Since Jesus is the Son of God, listen to Him and tell others about Him.

1. To encourage His struggling disciples, Jesus gave them a preview of His heavenly glory.

2. In this preview, the disciples were given manifold proof of Jesus' true identity as the Son of God.

3. Since Jesus is the Son of God, listen to Him.

4. Since Jesus is the Son of God, tell others about Him.

Mark 9:1 ¹ ... "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." (NKJV)

John Legg "In context Jesus, seeking to help his disciples come to terms with his theology of the cross, is reminding them that the crucified one will rise and will establish his kingdom in the near future. They do not have to wait until the Second Coming to see his vindication and glory. His kingdom will come, his reign will be established, as the gospel is proclaimed."

Revelation 1:16 ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "In them [Moses and Elijah] the law and the prophets honoured Christ, and bore testimony to him."

Psalm 2:7 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, `You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. (NKJV)

Isaiah 42:1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19 ¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear ... ¹⁸ `I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. ¹⁹ `And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.

James Montgomery Boice "The way we listen to Jesus today is by hearing what he has already said to us in the Bible."

2 Peter 1:17-19 ¹⁷ For when he [Jesus] received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention ... (ESV)

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)