

Matthew 17:1-9 Talk! Talk! Talk

The *New Testament* Gospels reveal intriguing insights. Fancy for a moment what Jesus' disciples experienced. Imagine accompanying Christ every day and witnessing what the 12 Apostles saw—healings, exorcisms, water-walking, storm-calming, and corpses coming alive.

The wonder, doubts, and ambitions they expressed tell us how genuine the Apostles were. On the Mount of Transfiguration, three of them saw two famous ancient countrymen. That duo, Moses and Elijah had been dead for centuries. The ancient illustrious pair, whose clothes suddenly began to dazzle, stood in the trio's presence talking with Jesus.

Reacting in a contemporary fashion, Peter opined about what was appropriate in that extraordinary moment. For some reason, we human beings value “expert” opinions. In the fields of medicine, construction, law, and a few other areas, skilled, knowledgeable, proficient professionals save lives and help us avoid unnecessary suffering.

On the other hand, talking heads and influencers dominate radio and television news, social media, etc. They ramble endlessly about sports, politics, education, law enforcement, and every subject imaginable. In fact, what the major networks and outlets advertise as news amounts to little more than speculation. Often, female TV presenters seem chosen for their long legs and wordiness.

God didn't value Peter's thoughts. Instead, he pointed Peter, James, and John to Jesus and said, “Listen to him.” There may be a need for opinions at times, but nothing equals listening to Jesus. Do you let him advise you through the Word on the subjects that really matter? He freely gives straightforward, expert counsel from the eternal Cosmos Creator. Both male and female talking heads will account to him for their long-winded opinions and views. Only Jesus presents wise words that bring us and our loved ones eternal life.

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