

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Matthew 17:1-13

**Singing:** 261:1-3 – 61:1, 4 – 383:1-5 – 188:3, 4 – 254:3-5

- A. To be a Christian is difficult: but what is harder? (Mark 9:12; Is. 53)
  
- B. Jesus' ministry challenged every layer of His disciples' thinking (Mark 2:21-22)
  
- C. When His disciples failed, His Father steps forward: Matthew 17:1-12
  - 1. He gives His Son a preview of His future (vs. 2)
  
  - 2. He sends two messengers to encourage Him (vs. 3; Luke 9:30-31)
  
  - 3. He crowns Him with glory (vs. 5)

<b>The Father calls your attention to His beloved Son Jesus Christ</b>
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I. He tells you that He is well pleased with Jesus, His Son

- A. Undoubtedly these words ministered to Jesus *indirectly*
  
- B. Yet God the Father's words are a message for you
  - 1. He exclaims His divine delight in His Son in your ears today
  
  - 2. He also communicates that whatever Jesus does is pleasing to Him
    - a. this must have been reassuring for His disciples (2 Peter 1:12-19)
  
    - b. example of the 'newness' of Jesus' teaching

II. But He tells you also to be well pleased with Him

- A. The Father's words are a clear direction: *Hear ye Him*
  - 1. Understand the Hebrew 'hear' (Mark 12:29-30; Matt. 13:43b)
  
- B. The Father's message is clear: *Be not a hearer but a doer of Word!*
  - 1. Hear and believe what My Son is telling you in Word and Deed!

Take-away a warning: John 3:36 and 1 John 5:10

Dear children,

In the coming weeks we will think about how Jesus had to go to the cross. He knew it was coming. But His followers did not. Therefore, about a year before His death on the cross, Jesus began to tell them about. Take a moment to read Matthew 16:21.

1. How did Peter react when Jesus told them about His coming death?  
Read Matthew 16:22.

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2. Why do you think Peter acted like that? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What happened six days after? (Matthew 17:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who came to talk with the Lord Jesus? (Matthew 17:3) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Write out what God the Father said when He spoke from heaven.

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6. Why was the Father so happy with the Lord Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Is it possible for you to make God the Father happy with you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you explain why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. "Hear ye Him" means "Listen and obey Him." What does the Lord Jesus command you to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What will you 'do' with this sermon? Put your thoughts into a prayer.