



Three Steps to Walking with Jesus

Read: Matthew 17:1-9

The gospel recounts Jesus' transfiguration. The event confirms that He is the Son of God. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Father's glory, as predicted in the Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah).

What does this mean for us? Walking with Jesus is about recognizing who he truly is, the Son of God, and committing our lives to following him. This week's gospel gives us three pieces of advice when it comes to walking with Jesus.

1. "Listen to Him" - God the Father wants us to listen to his Son. Primarily we do this by reading the Bible. The Bible is our guidebook for life. It provides us with everything we need to follow Jesus. Jesus says that everyone who listens to his words (the Bible), and puts them into practice, is like a wise man that built his house on a rock (Matthew 7:24).
2. "Get up" - So often our faith becomes secondary. This happens for a variety of reasons. But walking with Jesus is about putting God first. Jesus warns us that once we have decided to follow him, we must make him our priority. "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:26). We must "Get up" and follow Jesus. He must be our priority, no matter what.
3. "Be not afraid" - No matter where our walk with Jesus takes us, we must always remember that God is with us (Isaiah 41:10). When fear, anxiety and stress creep into our lives we must hold fast and trust in God's unconditional love.

What do I want you to do? Memorize the sayings from the gospel: "Listen to him", "Get up", and "Be not afraid". Repeat these phrases to yourself as a reminder to read the Bible, to make God a priority and to trust in God's love.