

DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

MATTHEW 17:9-13

God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips, acts with a hand that never fails.

-Charles Spurgeon

I. What They Didn't Know

II. What They Wanted to Know

III. What They had to Know

Into the Bible:

1. In this brief passage Christ again clearly tells his inner circle of disciples of his coming suffering, death, and resurrection. And yet, they had significant trouble accepting the events as they happened. Having seen his power demonstrated in his miracles and witnessing his glory firsthand on the mount why would they have expected the King and Messiah to undergo those things? Why does Jesus, the Christ, have to suffer and die? (Hebrews 2:9, Mark 10:45, I Peter 3:18, II Corinthians 5:14-15)

2. Jesus also tells them to remain silent about what they experienced on the mount of transfiguration until *after* his resurrection. Read Paul's assessment in Romans 1:1-4. What is it about the resurrection that enables them to connect all the dots regarding his identity?

Application:

3. What does Christ's resurrection teach us about our own mortality?
(Romans 15:12-22, John 6:40)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about the hope of resurrection we have in Jesus.