Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Listen to Him!"

By Pastor Rick Rostek, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton

Peter's response. Peter tents. had just witnessed a What had Peter seen?

James, and John up a mountain. Then, right before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:2). Jesus manifests Himself not as an itinerate rabbi, but as someone more glorious than can be imagined. If that isn't enough, Moses and Elijah also appear with Jesus. Yet Peter seems to miss the point.

Though Moses and Elijah are there with Jesus, it is Jesus who is transformed, who becomes altogether glorious on the mountain. The presence of Moses and

"If you wish, I will their own mountain "This is my beloved Son, fear.

Jesus led Peter, voiceboomsfromheaven: them to rise and have no the world, that all who

make three tents here, experiences when they with whom I am well Among the things one for You and one spoke with God. Here pleased; listen to Him" they are to hear is that for Moses and one they are, speaking with (Matthew 17:5). Just as this glorified Jesus, for Elijah" (Matthew God again Jesus! Peter's suddenly, the cloud is transfigured before 17:4, ESV). That was response is to build three gone, Moses and Elijah their eyes, is about to are gone, and the disciples experience something Thankfully, God the are left trembling with totally inglorious death most amazing sight, Father redirects Peter's their faces to the ground. on a cross. This is and he responds with thoughts as suddenly a There is only One they are why Jesus came into a construction project. bright cloud envelopes to listen to, and He now the world, to sacrifice the three disciples and a comforts them, telling Himself for the sin of

would believe in Him might have forgiveness of sins, everlasting life, and one day, glory.

Peter, James, and John got a glimpse of that glory on the Mountain of Transfiguration. Those who put their trust in Jesus will one day see that glory, and it will never end, when Jesus returns to judge and to claim the people of His kingdom. That's why the message to the disciples applies to us today: "Listen to Him!" For in Jesus we have all that we need for everlasting life. He paid the price for our sins. Listen to Him and have everlasting life.

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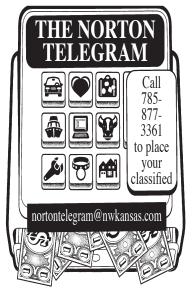
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