

# Taizé Bible Group on 28th February at 19:30

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## Mk 9,2-8 – Seeing and hearing

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

## Questions

- In which of the three disciples are you most likely to find yourself? Are you more like the one who rushes forward like Peter, or are you more responsible and waiting like James or do you perceive everything very emotionally and feel right with like John? How would you have reacted?
- Have you ever experienced something with God that you did not understand directly? What helped you there?
- What does it mean for you when God says: "Jesus is my beloved Son". Who is Jesus to you?

## Bible Introduction

(leaned on: Taizé – Meine Hoffnung und meine Freude. and Auf deine Liebe vertraue ich. Bibleinführungen von der Communauté de Taizé)

It is pretty crazy what the disciples experienced back then. We hear from three disciples:

**Peter** - as we know, he was sometimes a bit over-motivated and shortly before Jesus' death he denied him, so he is afraid to stand by Jesus. But he is also the one Jesus chooses to advance his mission and to lead a little.

**James** - we don't know much about him. But he seems to have been one of the older ones, some even think he is Jesus' big brother or half-brother. He definitely seems to be someone who can be relied on, because he will later have an important position in the young church in Jerusalem.

**John** - we often call him "the favorite disciple" of Jesus. He almost always seems to be by Jesus' side and takes care of his mother after his death. He seems to be a good listener, very empathetic and sensitive.

And the three see Jesus talking to **Elijah** and **Moses**.

**Moses** is THE ancestor par excellence. With God's help he set the Jews free once before. He received God's commandments, God revealed his name to him and showed him who he is: I am the one, "I am there for you."

*Moses, so to speak, as a look into the past, as a look into the history that God has already written with us humans.*

**Elijah** was a prophet in the 9th century BC. And the Jews describe him as THE advocate of the faith and even believe that he will come back as a "trailblazer" for the Messiah.

*Elijah, so to speak, as a look into the future, as a look ahead of what God has in store for us humans.*

At least that's what Peter thinks: "Now let's go. This is where the three come together: past - present - future: I build huts for them as camp."

But: wrongly thought. Elijah is not coming in the future. He is already there, ... "the pioneer" - who was that again ...

John the Baptist says: After me comes someone, and so on. John the Baptist is Elijah.

*So everything is already happening. You don't need houses anymore.*

They were allowed to SEE - and then HEAR, God himself: They should listen to Jesus, he is the Messiah, as it was prophesied.

"Nobody is going to believe this" ... the three must have thought.