

## Exercise in Interpretation

Matthew 17:1-13

1. Who authored the Gospel of Matthew? Who was he? Who was his primary audience?
2. What is the context of Matthew 17:1-13? Look at the surrounding chapters.
3. Why did the Holy Spirit move Matthew to begin this passage with the words, "And after six days . . ."?
4. What is the significance of the "high mountain"?
5. Meditate on verse 2.
6. Why Elijah and Moses? Why not Samuel, Noah, David or any other?
7. Why only three disciples and not all twelve?
8. Why Peter, James and John?
9. What is the significance of the cloud?
10. What is the significance of God's words in this passage?
11. What was the purpose of this event?
12. What are some lessons we can glean from our studies?