



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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a) It was just a habit of His.
 b) He was afraid of the Pharisees.
 c) He needed to pray for a place to live.
 d) He needed to hear from His Father.

Do you think Jesus knew that He was headed for the cross? Why or why not?

Do you think the disciples understood what was ahead for Jesus?

a) No way.
 b) Absolutely.
 c) Other _____.

What do you do when you need to hear from God?

What friends would you gather around you if you knew you had something difficult ahead of you?

Can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence in an unusual way?

Can you think of a time when you realized that God is pleased with you?

Behind the story

For what is Moses best known? (Exodus 12 and 20 may help you.)

For what is Elijah best known? (See 1 Kings 17:15; 1 Kings 18:16-40, and 2 Kings 2:11.)

How is Jesus' life and death a fulfillment of Moses and Elijah's roles? (See Luke 4:18-19)

Moses and Elijah each had their own experience meeting God on a mountaintop. Read about them in Exodus 34:29 and 1 Kings 19:1-9. Write below how their experience was like Jesus' experience.



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Look back at the previous events in Jesus' life. What had He told His disciples about just a few days before? (See Matthew 16:24-28.)

According to Luke's account of this story, why did Jesus take His disciples and go up on the mountain? (See Luke 9:28.)

What happened as they slept? (See Luke 9:29.)

Who appeared there with Jesus, and what did they talk about? (See Luke 9:31.)



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