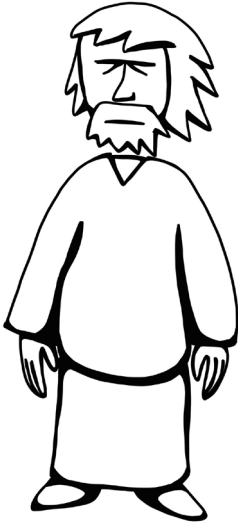


# Face to Face Bible Bits

## 9. God crosses cosmic time and space and comes camping



Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him. They went up on a high mountain, where they could be alone. There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. And his clothes became much whiter than any bleach on earth could make them. Then Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But they were terrified, and Peter did not know what he was talking about.

The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!” At once the disciples looked around, and they saw no one, but Jesus alone was with them.

As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain, he told them not to say a word about what they had seen, until the Son of Man had been raised from death.



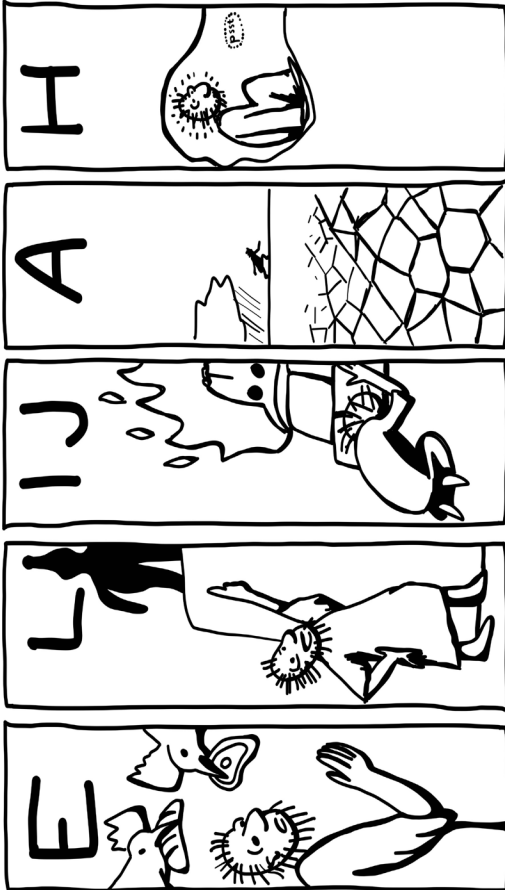
*Read more in Mark 9:2-9*

*Bonus Bit: We’ve already met Moses - the leader who rescued Israel when they were slaves and gave them God’s laws of love and living well. In the disciples’ vision of Jesus, Moses turning up shows Jesus is in line with God’s laws - which we can also tell by the way he lived, loving everyone he met.*

*This other character who is there - Elijah - he’s got a big backstory too, as a messenger from God, reminding people how seriously God takes justice and*

*whole-heartedness.*

*Here's a bit of his story though, when he was exhausted and hiding up a mountain, thinking God had abandoned him. (Even God's messengers have really bad days...)*



Elijah reached Mount Sinai, the mountain of God, and he spent the night there in a cave. The Lord asked, “Elijah, why are you here?”

He answered, “Lord God All-Powerful, I’ve always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!”

“Go out and stand on the mountain,” the Lord replied. “I want you to see me when I pass by.”

All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks.

But the Lord was not in the wind.

Next, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

Then there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

Finally, there was the quietest quiet and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave and spoke with the Lord.

*Read more in 1 Kings 19*

