

Speak, Talk, Tell or Say?

Instructions:

Here are ten Bible verses with words missing. Choose the correct verb - speak, talk, tell, or say - for each empty blank. Make sure you change the verb into the correct tense to match the sentence and use the form of the verb that matches the subject. The first one is done for you. Answers start on page 3.

Example:

Everything God _____ is true - and it's a shield for all who come to him for safety. (Proverbs 30:5)

Everything God says is true - and it's a shield for all who come to him for safety. (Proverbs 30:5)

1. My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to _____ or to get angry. (James 1:19)
2. Then Jesus asked, "But who do you _____ am?" "You are the Messiah!" Peter replied. (Mark 8:29)
3. The Lord is my God! I will praise him and _____ him how thankful I am. (Psalms 118:28)
4. When a large crowd from several towns had gathered around Jesus, he _____ them this story: (Luke 8:4)
5. Jesus asked them, "What does the Law of Moses _____ about this?" (Mark 10:3)

6. Jesus told the people this story. But they did not understand what he was _____ about. (John 10:6)
7. After the voice _____, Peter, John, and James saw only Jesus... (Luke 9:36a)
8. I may not _____ as well as they do, but I know as much... (2 Corinthians 11:6a)
9. After this, Felix often sent for Paul and _____ with him, because he hoped that Paul would offer him a bribe. (Acts 24:26)
10. After the people heard Paul _____ this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:5)

Answers:

1. My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. (James 1:19)
(talk could also work here)
2. Then Jesus asked, "But who do you say I am?" "You are the Messiah!" Peter replied. (Mark 8:29)
(this refers to information, Peter's description of who Jesus is)
3. The Lord is my God! I will praise him and tell him how thankful I am. (Psalms 118:28)
("tell" is followed by a pronoun)
4. When a large crowd from several towns had gathered around Jesus, he told them this story: (Luke 8:4)
("told" is followed by the pronoun "them")
5. Jesus asked them, "What does the Law of Moses say about this?" (Mark 10:3)
("say" is about information, the content of the Law of Moses)
6. Jesus told the people this story. But they did not understand what he was talking about. (John 10:6)
("talking" is correct, followed by "about")
7. After the voice had spoken, Peter, John, and James saw only Jesus... (Luke 9:36a)
(the verse uses present perfect, but simple past [spoke] would also work. We don't know what was said or to whom it was said, only that there was a voice creating words.)

8. I may not speak as well as they do, but I know as much...
(2 Corinthians 11:6a)
(There is no listener or information mentioned, only the process of creating words.)
9. After this, Felix often sent for Paul and talked with him, because he hoped that Paul would offer him a bribe. (Acts 24:26)
("talked" - the past tense is needed because of the other past tense verb, "sent."
"Talked" is correct because it is followed by "with" and a person. "Spoke" could also be used here, but it is more formal.)
10. After the people heard Paul say this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:5)
("say" is followed by "this." "This" refers to the information Paul gave.)

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