

“A Vision of His Glory”

Matthew 17:1-8

Mark 9:9,10

As they were coming down from the mountain,
He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what
they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the
dead. They seized upon that statement,
*discussing with one another what rising from the
dead meant.*

I. The Transfiguration

A. Reason for Being On the Mountain

Luke 9:28

“Now about eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter, and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.”

Luke 6:12,13

Now it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer with God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

Matthew 14:23

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

“We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services, but few conversions; much machinery, but few results.:

—R. A. Torrey

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B. The Change in Jesus

Luke 9:29

“And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered and his raiment became dazzling white.”

“He became transfigured before them as the glory of His Divinity flashed through the threads of His earthly raiment. It was not so much a light that was shining from without as the beauty of the Godhead that shone from within.”

- Bishop Fulton Sheen

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C. A Supernatural Encounter

Matthew 22:31,32

“But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

John 1:45

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the Law, and the prophets also wrote: Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!”

Luke 24:44

Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

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Luke 9:30,31

And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

“The word exodus in this setting is designed to point to death as a victorious event, despite its appearance of weakness and defeat, holding in itself the prospect of glorious resurrection.”

- Everett Harrison

John 10:14,15,18

“I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.”

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A. What They Were Doing at the Time

Luke 9:32

“Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.”

Mark 9:5

“And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.”

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"Somewhere at the intersection of joy, fear, mystery, and insight lies awe, the ineffable response to the amazing world around us."

"Overwhelming, surprising, humbling, even a little terrifying—awe is what we feel when faced with something sublime, exceptional, or altogether beyond comprehension."

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Hebrews 1:3

“He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power.”

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Romans 8:16-18

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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4. The Need to Listen to Jesus

IV. The Message for Us Today

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“It is ignorance of God – ignorance both of his ways and of the practice of communion with him – lies at the root of much of the church’s weakness today. We live in a day that spawns great thoughts of man and leaves room for only small thoughts of God.” - J.I. Packer

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B. Love, Adore, BUT FEAR Him

“Suppose you were exploring an unknown Greenland glacier in the dead of winter. Just as you reach the sheer cliff with a spectacular view of miles of jagged ice and mountains of snow, a terrible storm breaks in. The wind is so strong that the fear rises in your heart that it might blow you over the cliff. But in the midst of the storm you discover a cleft in the ice where you can hide. Here you feel secure. But, even though secure, the awesome might of the storm rages on, and you watch it with a kind of trembling pleasure as it surges out across the distant glaciers. Not everything we call fear vanishes from your heart, only the life-threatening part.

There remains the trembling, the awe, the wonder, the feeling that you would never want to tangle with such a storm or be the adversary of such a power. And so it is with God. The fear of God is what is left of the storm when you have a safe place to watch right in the middle of it. Hope turns fear into a trembling and peaceful wonder; and fear takes everything trivial out of hope and makes it earnest and profound. The terrors of God make the pleasures of his people intense. The fireside fellowship is all the sweeter when the storm is howling

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