



A Preview of Glory

The Transfiguration of Jesus

For he received honor and glory from God the Father ...¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 2 Peter 1:17a, 18

5 Dramatic Occurrences of the Transfiguration:

1st- A Glorious Transformation

There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. Mark 9:2,3

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. John 17:5

So the Word became human and made his home among us. ... And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:14

Insight: It is evident therefore that our Lord did not have to die. That is one of the meanings of the transfiguration.

2nd- Moses and Elijah appear as well

And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Mark 9:4

Insight: There will be no need for introductions in glory; we will know immediately who people are.

Why Moses and Elijah? They are the preeminent representatives of the Law and the Prophets from the Hebrew Scriptures/O.T.

Insight: these two men represent the two ways by which men have entered heaven.

3rd- Peter's interruption

As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Luke 9:33

Insight: Peter may have suggested the shelters because the Feast of Booths was ongoing

He (Peter) did not know what to say, they were so frightened. Mark 9:5,6

4th-Sudden appearance of a cloud

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, Mark 9:7a

Insight: There was a cloud in the O.T. that hung over the Tabernacle in the wilderness during the day--the glory of God called the "Shekinah"

5th-God's Voice speaks from the cloud

and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Mark 9:7b

Insight: In Calling Jesus His Son, the Father declared a relationship of divine nature

The Talk afterwards:

As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead." Mark 9:9,10

Notes:

Then they asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?" ¹² Jesus responded, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready. *Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt?* ¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted. Mark 9:11-13

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