

The Transfiguring of Jesus Christ: “The Brightest Light in Our Darkest Night”

Matthew 17:1-13; 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Gospel of Matthew

Theme: Who Jesus is in His person and work enables us in our darkest moments.

Introduction:

This is one of those incredible passages that allow us to plunge the depths of God’s process of going from where He was, to where He is, and then to where He will be.

OUTLINE:

I. The Transfiguring [glory / Shekinah / Return]

First, the word deals with form / appearance.

Second, the hypostatic union. Although it will be beyond our ability to understand, the reason for the union is not.

- To give a very tangible, concrete expression of God (Gen. 3:8; John 14).
- To taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9, 17).

II. The Tents [Millennium / Rest / Sabbath]

III. The Truth [suffering / exodus / my son . . .]

IV. The Tension [do not tell anyone?]

Shepherding the Sheep: [WHAT’S THE NEXT STEP?]

- First, Jesus is God incarnate. He is the Messiah.
- Second, Jesus will suffer, die, be buried, and on the third day arise from the grave victorious over death and hell.
- Third, there is a Sabbath Rest coming in the program of God. He will set up His kingdom on earth even as it is in heaven.
- Fourth, do not think you can bypass the process. Suffering and death always comes before resurrection and glory.
- Finally, our sole responsibility is to accept who He is and obey what He says. You and I need to stop talking and doing and start listening and seeing. God is speaking through the text, His word, and we need to BELIEVE WHO HE IS AND OBEY WHAT HE SAYS. What this will look like is you and I decreasing and He alone increasing. The white noise of this shadow gives way to the clarity and glory of the substance. Will we submit ourselves to this?