

“Glory” - Matthew 17:1-13

Ask - What is the most glorious sight you've ever witnessed?

Background - After Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ, Jesus began telling His disciples about His upcoming sufferings, crucifixion, and resurrection. He urged them to deny themselves, take up their own crosses, and follow Him.

“Transfigured” - Matthew 17:1-3

(v1) How many days had passed since the previous events took place? Which 3 disciples did Jesus take with Him? Where did they go?

(v2) What happened on the mountain top? What does “transfigured” mean? How did Jesus' appearance change?

(v3) Who appeared with Jesus? What were they doing?

JESUS TOOK PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN UP ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM. MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED ALSO AND WERE SPEAKING WITH HIM.

“Overshadowed” - Matthew 17:4-8

(v4) Who spoke up? What did he say about being there? With Jesus' permission, what did he want to do? Why would he want to do that?

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(v5-6) What happened next? What did God say? How did these 3 disciples respond?

(v7-8) What did Jesus do and say? When the disciples looked up, who did they see?

PETER WISHED TO HONOR JESUS, MOSES, AND ELIJAH BY BUILDING TENTS FOR THEM, BUT GOD OVERSHADOWED THEM ALL WITH HIS PRESENCE. THE TERRIFIED DISCLES FELL TO THE GROUND AND MOSES AND ELIJAH SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.

“Instructed” - Matthew 17:9-13

(v9) When they were coming down the mountain, what did Jesus tell these 3 disciples not to do? Why were they to keep quiet?

(v10-12) What did Peter, James, and John ask Jesus and how did He answer

them?

(v13) Who did these disciples understand the Elijah about whom Jesus spoke to be? How was John the Baptist like Elijah?

JESUS INSTRUCTED THESE DISCIPLES NOT TO TELL ANYONE WHAT THEY'D SEEN UNTIL AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION.

Application - During His transfiguration, Jesus gave Peter, James, and John a brief glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had recently confessed Jesus as Christ, and on the mountain top Jesus confirmed Peter's confession. God the father spoke from above explicitly stating that Jesus was His beloved Son. Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, delighted to see the Messiah that they had foretold long ago. This supernatural event would have a life long impact on these 3 disciples (2 Peter 1:16-18; John 1:14). How has today's lesson improved your understanding of Jesus' transfiguration?