

Luke 9 pt 4 vs. 27-36

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28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Last time

- The most important question "Who do you say that I am"?

- I. Jesus' majesty**
- II. Jesus' ministry**

I. Jesus' majesty

1. After feeding the multitudes
 - a. After healing the sick
 - b. After revealing who He is
 - c. Jesus predicts His death
 - i. He tells the disciples that the way to life is death
 - ii. The way up is down
 - iii. Anything else is grasping for the wind
2. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God

- a. Carrying the Cross is not the end of the story...
 - i. Glory follows
- b. Jesus understands that they need an experience they'll never forget that will carry them through the most challenging time (The Cross)
- c. He gave them a promise that will be fulfilled shortly
 - i. He gave them a prophecy
 - ii. Prophecies in scripture are one of the unique truths that make the Bible different than any other religious book
 - iii. Prophecies validate the truth being spoken
 - iv. Jesus will give them an opportunity to see with their eyes what they were to believe in their hearts
 - 1. It will help their faith

3. He takes them on a high mountain & is transfigured before them

- a. They see Him take another form
- b. They see a light emanating from Him like never before
- c. He pulls back the veil of His flesh and reveals Himself as glorious, radiant, the Shekinah glory of God
- d. In the O.T, God revealed Himself in light & glory
 - i. I.e., tabernacle...
- e. Here, Jesus is showing His deity as God emanating with light
 - i. No longer hidden, but revealing who He is
 - ii. **Guzik:** This was not a *new* miracle, but the temporary pause of an ongoing miracle. The real miracle was that Jesus, most of the time, could *keep* from displaying His glory
- f. His radiance was internal, not a reflection (unlike Moses)

- i. From the inside out
 - ii. Something like what Moses saw on the mountain
 - iii. This same light that Paul saw on the road to Damascus (Acts 22:6)
 - g. This is who He is in His glorified state
 - i. A brief display of how He was before birth / after the resurrection
 - 1. He is God
 - 2. He's sharing this experience w/the disciples
- 4. One of the majestic things about our Lord is that He is always looking out for us
 - a. His majesty is not selfish, it's giving

5. He knows they need this revelation

- a. **Because He just told them they needed to take up their cross and follow Him**
 - i. **Not the best news**
 - ii. **The road ahead was very challenging**
 - 1. Watching Jesus die will not be easy**
 - 2. Being persecuted later on will not be easy**
- b. **They needed an experience like this to carry them**
- c. **They needed to get a visual of what their future glory would look like**
- d. **Peter realized the reason for this experience later:**
- e. **2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased ¹⁸ and we ourselves

heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

6. It's also a demonstration that although He would suffer, He's still in control

a. Maybe you have a challenging road ahead

1. Perhaps God wants to take you to a high mountain and show you His Glory

a. We need to give Him the opportunity

7. Why did Jesus choose Peter, James and John?

a. Some think that perhaps they deserved it

b. They loved Jesus, strong in faith

i. Andrew was an Evangelist

ii. Nathaniel was upright and honest

iii. Philip was approachable

iv. Peter later denied Jesus

1. Leave me Lord, I'm a sinful man

v. James and John wanted to call down fire

1. Wanted to sit next to Jesus

vi. It seems that Jesus calls the weak, not strong

1. He wants to show the weak His Glory

vii. That is good news for us if we recognize our weaknesses

viii. It should encourage us to approach Him more quickly

II. Jesus' Ministry

8. Moses and Elijah appear

a. What were they discussing

i. His decease in Jerusalem

9. Why Moses and Elijah?

- a. **Moses** represents the law
 - b. Also the saints that died in the O.T

 - c. **Elijah** represents the prophets
 - d. Also the saints that will be caught up with Christ

 - e. They both had encounters with the Lord on a mountain
 - f. In their life and ministry, they faced rejection from Israel – as Jesus did
 - g. They both had powerful ministries despite their weaknesses
 - i. This reveals the grace of God
 - h. They both had unique deaths
 - i. Moses was hidden
 - ii. Elijah was caught up
10. This encounter shows that Jesus is not in contradiction with law or the Prophets; He is the fulfillment of them.
- a. The Law was designed to drive us to Jesus
 - b. The Prophets messages directed us to Jesus
11. The O.T is known as the Law & the prophets
- a. **Luke 24:27**: Jesus beginning with Moses and all the Prophets explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself
12. Moses had led Israel out of bondage to Egypt, and Elijah had delivered them from bondage to false gods, but Jesus would die to set a sinful world free from bondage to sin and death (**Wirsbe**)
- 1. The conversation between them is of His death.
 - a. Nothing else is of greater importance
 - b. His death, burial & resurrection are the central focus
 - c. Without this truth, none of us have any hope
 - d. Many times, I make faith a thing about God meeting my needs

- i. Helping me
- ii. Blessing me
- iii. Healing me
- iv. Forgiving me...
- v. He was redirecting their attention on the key issue
 1. The Cross, Burial & Resurrection
 2. With the purpose of saving us from sin
 3. & changing us into His image

2. Peter (doesn't get it) speaks of making 3 tabernacles

- 3. Peter may have been thinking
 - a. Forget this business about suffering, being rejected, and crucified! Let's build some tabernacles so we can live this way with the glorified Jesus all the time." (**Guzik**)
 - b. "I have a great idea, how about we pass on the suffering part"
 - c. That is not God's will. Jesus had to suffer
- 4. By saying 3 tabernacles; Peter was putting Moses, Eljah & Jesus on the same level

5. A cloud covers them and they hear God's voice

- a. Instead of rebuking Peter, God covers them with a cloud of glory
 - i. This is God's Grace
 - b. This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear Him**
 - c. The Father declares that He is pleased with Jesus
 - d. God is pleased with us if we are in Christ

6. Listen to Jesus

- a. Whatever He tells you, do it

7. **One day, the whole world will recognize His Glory**
 - a. **For many, it will be too late**
 - b. **We have the option to experience a bit of that Glory today**
 - c. **I thank God for Mountain Top experiences**
 - i. We need them from time to time
8. As impressive as this experience was, it in itself did not change the lives of the disciples as much as being born again did. Being born again by the Spirit of God is the great miracle, the greatest display of the glory of God ever. (Guzik)
9. And we're born again as we put our faith in Christ
 - a. That faith comes as we hear His Word.
10. **2 Peter 1:19** So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts
11. **Psalms 138:2** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted **your name and your word** above everything.
 - a. God's Word & His name are the same
12. As children of God, we are able to experience transformation from the inside out
 - a. Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

- b. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Cor 3:18)

13. This is part of the reason we are going through the scriptures

- a. We want to know Jesus and find Him in the scriptures

14. In the scriptures:

- a. **Genesis**, He is the seed of the woman.
- b. **Exodus**, He is the Passover lamb.
- c. **Leviticus**, He is our high priest.
- d. **Numbers**, He is the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.
- e. **Deuteronomy**, He is the prophet like unto Moses.
- f. **Joshua**, He is the captain of our salvation.
- g. **Judges**, He is our judge and lawgiver.
- h. **Ruth**, He is our kinsman redeemer.
- i. **1 & 2 Samuel**, He is our trusted prophet.
- j. **Kings and Chronicles**, He is our reigning king.
- k. **Ezra and Nehemiah**, He is the builder of the broken down walls of human life.
- l. **Esther & Job**, He is our ever-living redeemer.
- m. **Psalms**, He is our shepherd.

- n. **Proverbs & Ecclesiastes**, He is our wisdom.
- o. **Song of Solomon**, He is our lover and bridegroom.
- p. **Isaiah**, He is the prince of peace.
- q. **Jeremiah**, He is the righteous branch.
- r. **Lamentations**, He is our weeping prophet.
- s. **Ezekiel**, He is our wonderful four faced man.
- t. **Daniel**, He is the fourth man in life's fiery furnace.
- u. **Hosea**, He is the faithful husband.
- v. **Joel**, He is the baptizer with the Holy Ghost and fire.
- w. **Amos**, He is our burden-bearer.
- x. **Obadiah**, He is the mighty to save.
- y. **Jonah**, He is our great missionary.
- z. **Micah**, He is the messenger of beautiful feet.
- aa. **Nahum**, He is the avenger of God's elect.
- bb. **Habakkuk**, He is God's evangelist.
- cc. **Zephaniah**, He is our Savior.
- dd. **Haggai**, He is the restorer of God's lost heritage.
- ee. **Zechariah**, He is the fountain opened in the house of David.

- ff. **Malachi**, He is the Son of righteousness, rising with healing in His wings.
- gg. **Matthew**, He is the Messiah.
- hh. **Mark**, He is the wonder worker.
- ii. **Luke**, He is the son of man.
- jj. **John**, He is the Son of God.
- kk. **Acts**, He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.
- ll. **Romans**, He is our justifier.
- mm. **1 & 2 Corinthians**, He is our sanctifier.
- nn. **Galatians**, He is our redeemer.
- oo. **Ephesians**, He is the Christ of unsearchable riches.
- pp. **Philippians**, He is the God who supplies all our needs.
- qq. **Colossians**, He is the fullness of God, bodily.
- rr. **1 & 2 Thessalonians**, He is our coming king.
- ss. **1 & 2 Timothy**, He is our mediator between God and man.
- tt. **Titus**, He is our faithful pastor.
- uu. **Philemon**, He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.
- vv. **Hebrews**, He is the blood of the everlasting covenant.
- ww. **James**, He is our great physician.

xx. **1 & 2 Peter**, He is our chief shepherd.

yy. **1, 2 & 3 John**, He is love.

zz. **Jude**, He is the Lord coming with ten thousands of His saints.

aaa. **Revelation**, He is the KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS!