

JESUS: THE TRANSFIGURATION

AN OVERLOOKED CHANGE IN JESUS EARTHLY MINISTRY

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

~ 2 Peter 1:16

1. An Overlooked Change

- a. Peter, James, John saw Jesus like none other - John 1:14, 1Jn 1:1-2, 2 Pet 1:16-18
- b. They saw Jesus as the Son of Man in glory, as he would come in his kingdom.
- c. The transfiguration of Christ is significant in its timing, details, and appearance.
- d. A change in Jesus' ministry, a change in Jesus, a change in our belief.

2. The Turning Point

- a. Jesus came to preach and proclaim the kingdom of God at hand - Mk 1:14
- b. After preaching, miracles, proving who he was, something changed - Mark 8:27
- c. At this point, he began telling his disciples he had to die - Mark 8:31, Matt 16:21
- d. According to Matt, Mark, Luke, he turned his face to Jerusalem (to be rejected)

3. Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

- a. Mark 9:3 - he transfigured
- b. Mark 9:4 - Moses and Elias (Elijah) spoke with him about his death - Lk 9:30-32
- c. Mark 9:5-7 - The voice declared the Son of Man to be the Son of God - Matt 17:5-6
- d. Mark 9:8 - Jesus touched them, everything had transformed - Matt 17:7-8
- e. Mark 9:9 - Jesus says, "tell the vision to no man, until.... "

4. The Kingdom Come

- a. Dan 7:9 - Ancient of days: garment/hair = white; throne/feet = fire; judgment day
- b. Dan 7:13 - Son of man: coming in clouds, to the Ancient, given forever kingdom
- c. Dan 7:21-22, 27 - trouble until the kingdom comes to the saints of the most High
- d. *"shall not taste death, til they have seen..."* - Mark 9:1, Matt 16:28, Luke 9:27
- e. He comes with clouds, to judge, head = white; eyes/feet = fire - Rev 1:5-13

5. The Transfiguration

- a. Transfigure ~def. Change of countenance, form, or appearance; transform. Lk 9:29
- b. Form of God → took upon him the form of servant(man) - Phi 2:6-10
- c. Moses, mountains, clouds, face shining - 2 Cor 3:13-16, Exodus 34:2-10, 29-35
- d. His transfiguration shows he never stopped being God, he changed his appearance
- e. Jesus veiled his glory but unveiled and transformed before their eyes