

5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the profound revelation of Jesus as the King of Glory and what it means to live with the anticipation of His return. Join us on this journey through scripture and reflections to enrich your faith.

Day 1

Mark 9:2-3

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves to be alone. He was transfigured in front of them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling—extremely white as no launderer on earth could whiten them.

In this passage, we witness the transfiguration of Jesus, where He reveals His divine nature to Peter, James, and John. This moment serves as a powerful reminder that Jesus is not just a teacher or a miracle worker, but the King of Glory. As we reflect on this, consider how Jesus transforms our understanding of His identity and encourages us to live in anticipation of His return.

The disciples initially did not comprehend the full magnitude of what they were experiencing. This revelation was not only for them but also for us, to see a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom. The brilliance of Jesus' transfigured form is a foretaste of the kingdom He prepares for us. Like the disciples, we are invited to see beyond the ordinary and recognize the extraordinary presence of Christ in our lives.

- How does the transfiguration of Jesus challenge your current understanding of Him?
- In what ways can you invite Jesus to transform your view of His glory?
- What does living in anticipation of Christ's return mean for your daily life?
- Pray for a deeper understanding of Jesus as the King of Glory.
- Ask God to reveal His presence in your life in extraordinary ways.

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Day 2		

Matthew 17:2

2 He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light.

Matthew's account of the transfiguration presents Jesus with a radiant face and clothes as white as light. This imagery underlines His divine glory and the fulfillment of His messianic role. As we delve into this scripture, it beckons us to recognize the spiritual authority and majesty of Christ.

This glimpse into His future kingdom assures us of the promised reality where peace and righteousness reign. The white light symbolizes purity and divinity, reminding us of the holiness that Christ embodies. We are called to reflect that light in our own lives, allowing His transformative power to shine through us every day.

- How does the imagery of light and radiance impact your perception of Jesus?
- What areas of your life need the refinement of Christ's purity and holiness?
- How can you prepare for the kingdom of God in your daily actions?
- Pray for the strength to live a life that reflects Christ's purity.
- Seek guidance on how to illuminate His presence in your interactions.

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Day 3

Psalm 24:9-10 9 Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in. 10 Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord of Armies, he is the King of glory. Selah

The psalmist calls us to 'lift up your heads,' welcoming the King of Glory. This call is not just for the ancient gates but an invitation to us today to recognize and honor the majesty of our God. The question posed, 'Who is the King of glory?' is an invitation to explore a personal relationship with Jesus, acknowledging His rightful place in our hearts.

Embracing Jesus as the King of glory means surrendering our lives to His sovereign will. It calls for active worship and obeisance, recognizing Him as the true ruler of all creation. Let this be a reminder to prepare our hearts as His dwelling place, where He can reign in glory.

- What does it mean for you to welcome the King of Glory into your life?
- How can you lift the 'gates' of your heart to allow His presence?
- What steps can you take to honor Jesus' majesty in your daily life?
- Pray for the ability to see and acknowledge Jesus as the King of Glory.
- Ask for the courage to open your heart fully to His leading.

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Day 4

Revelation 21:22-24

22 I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Revelation presents a powerful vision of the new Jerusalem, where there is no need for sun or moon because the glory of God illuminates it. The Lamb serves as the lamp, signifying the eternal light that Jesus provides. This futuristic promise instills hope and assures us of the eternal presence of our Savior.

In this new creation, darkness is dispelled by the radiant glory of Christ. As we reflect on this image, we are urged to consider how this illuminative power of Christ can guide us today. It's a call to live as children of light, anticipating the day we will walk by His light eternally.

- What feelings arise when you imagine a world illuminated solely by Christ's glory?
- How can you seek Christ's light in moments of personal darkness?
- In what ways does this vision shape your understanding of eternity?
- Pray for His light to guide you through life's challenges.
- Commit to letting Christ's light shine through your actions and decisions.

Day 5

Isaiah 60:19-20

19 The sun will no longer be your light by day, and the brightness of the moon will not shine on you. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your splendor.
20 Your sun will no longer set, and your moon will not fade; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and the days of your sorrow will be over.

In Isaiah, the promise of the Lord as an everlasting light paints a picture of future glory and peace. This prophecy assures us of a time when sadness and darkness will be replaced by unending light and joy. Such a promise encourages us to look beyond current afflictions and prepare for divine illumination.

The eternal hope provided by God serves as a steadfast anchor in uncertain times. This scripture invites us to trust in God's eternal plan, embracing the peace and light He offers. We are encouraged to live with anticipation, aligning our lives with His purpose and glory.

- How does the promise of eternal light affect your perspective on current troubles?
- What steps can you take to align your life with God's eternal purpose?
- How can you be a beacon of divine light in your community?
- Pray for enduring hope anchored in God's eternal promises.
- Ask for guidance to be a source of light and encouragement to others.

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