

Matthew's Messiah: Mountaintop Experiences

Matthew 17:1

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

_____ blinds us to God's _____

Matthew 17:2-3

² *There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.* ³ *Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.*

Exodus 33:18-23

¹⁸ *Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."*

¹⁹ *And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."* ²⁰ *But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."*

²¹ *Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."*

I have never _____ God's _____

Exodus 34:29-30

²⁹ *When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.* ³⁰ *When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.*

Moses _____ glory

Jesus _____ glory

Matthew 16:28

²⁸ *"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."*

Matthew 17:4-9

⁴ *Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."*

⁵ *While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

⁶ *When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.* ⁷ *But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."* ⁸ *When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.*

⁹ *As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

2 Peter 1:16-18

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

I was made to _____ God

Matthew 17:10-13

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

_____ experiences must be _____ to Scripture