 **The Gospel of Matthew**


“This is My Beloved Son...Listen to Him”
Matthew 17:1-13

And six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.
And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light.
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.
And Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, *“This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”*
And when the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.
And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”
And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”
And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things;
but I say to you, that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”

Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.
Matthew 17:1-13

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A. Glimpse of His Glory

1. Why this transfiguration?

- to encourage and confirm the disciples’ faith in Jesus as the Messiah
- to highlight for the disciples the uniqueness of Jesus as the Son

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.

For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such as utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased –

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

And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention..."

2 Peter 1:16-19



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A. Glimpse of His Glory

2. What did it reveal about Jesus?

➤ *His unique glory*

- a God-given, God-like glory
- a preview of His future glory and exaltation



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2. What did it reveal about Jesus?

➤ *His unique authority as the Son*

- revealed His superiority over Moses and Elijah
- affirmed His word as authoritative and final



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2. What did it reveal about Jesus?

➤ *The Father's pleasure in His Son*

- God's affirmation of the Son's mission as the suffering servant



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B. The Reality of His Humiliation

1. "Jesus Himself alone"

- His mission would be accomplished not in heavenly glory but in humiliation



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2. The Role of "Elijah"

- the rejection and death of John the Baptist ("Elijah") was a precursor to the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus



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Application

1. In light of His glory, marvel at the willing humiliation of Jesus on our behalf
2. Believe in and set your hope on the future glory of Christ when He is revealed from heaven
3. *Listen to Him!* – He is the climax of God's revelation