

LUKE 9.28-34

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**THE GLORY OF THE ONE & ONLY**

## SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE—

- ▶ Jesus questions His disciples about His identity  
*“But what about you? Who do you say I am?” (16.13-17)*
- ▶ Jesus predicts His death  
*“I must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, die and rise again” (16.21)*
- ▶ Jesus defines discipleship  
*“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (16.24-26)*

▶ Jesus declares his future return in power and glory

*“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.” (16.27)*

*“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. 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.”*



*We weren't, you know, just wishing on a star when we laid the facts out before you regarding the powerful return of our Master, Jesus Christ. We were there for the preview! We saw it with our own eyes: Jesus resplendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of all my delight." We were there on the holy mountain with him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears. We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard – God's glory, God's voice.*

*– 2 Peter 1.16-19 MESSAGE BIBLE*

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“There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun,<sup>1</sup> and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.<sup>2</sup>

“He is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Matthew 17.1; <sup>2</sup>Luke 9.29; <sup>3</sup>Hebrews 1.3

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*This is My Son whom I dearly love.*

*Listen to Him!”*

Twice in the Synoptic Gospels, God speaks from heaven to earth and each time He says the same thing. The most important thing to God is that we know what *He* thinks of Jesus and that *we* listen to His Son.

## A FLAWED DISCIPLESHIP

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- ▶ Peter has not learned that true discipleship is not doing things for Jesus; it is first of all listening to Him and following him *as He leads*.
- ▶ Peter is further guilty of self-satisfying worship instead of self-denying surrender.
- ▶ Most egregiously, Peter is guilty of syncretism: Jesus plus others.

There on the mountain,  
the representatives of the Old Testament  
and those of the coming New Testament era,  
were both commanded by the Majestic Voice to  
**“Listen to Him!”**



*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*-2 Corinthians 3.18*



*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*-Romans 12.1-2*

SEEING CLEARLY

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