

Mrk31 – **The Hope of Glory – Mark 9:1-8**

Today we look at **the Transfiguration**

One of the **most understated** - & yet,  
one of the **most powerful** events – in the N.T.

This event may be **2<sup>nd</sup> ONLY** to the **RESURRECTION** -  
for putting on **display** – the **Glory** of Jesus Christ

But – the **Transfiguration** – it's not **JUST** about  
The **Glory of Jesus**

It's **also about** – **US** having **confidence**  
That **WE** will **sharing** - in the **Glory of Jesus**

When WE are **identified** with Jesus Christ **THRU FAITH**  
**We have This HOPE OF GLORY**

**Let's Pray**

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**The Apostle Peter writes – in 2 Peter 1:16 & 18 (NLT)**  
***16 For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes . . .***  
***18 We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.***

That's **Peter** writing **ABOUT** the **Transfiguration**

& the **Apostle John** was with him

**& John wrote in John 1:14 (NLT)**

***14 So the Word (LOGOS – God in expression) became human and made his home among us . . . And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.***

Peter & John are **writing about**

Seeing the **GLORY** of **Jesus** Christ

They saw his **Glory** in other ways

But – **on that day** – at the **Transfiguration**

They saw the **Glory of Jesus Christ** - **REVEALED** (manifest)

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**Jesus** is going to **Pull back**  
the **VEIL** of his **humanity**

& We are **going** to get a **glimpse**  
of **The HOPE of Glory**

But - **Biblical Hope** – is **NOT wishful thinking**

**Biblical Hope** – is a ***Confident Expectation***  
***based on Solid Certainty***

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**Mark Ch 8** was so **big** – it's **hard** to review

But in that **entire Chapter**  
**Jesus is trying to explain**

- 1) the **Path** he must **take** – **FOR** our **Salvation**
- 2) & **Path** to the **Kingdom of God**

**& so we read – in Mark 9:1 (NLT)**

***1 Jesus went on to say, “I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!”***

Now - **people** have **ALL KINDS** of **Ideas**  
about **what** Jesus is **referring** to here

But – please **hear me**

**CONTEXT determines Interpretation**

So – if **someone** starts **talking** about something **crazy**

Just **LOOK** – at the **Actual Context**

**because** the **context** - is **where** the **true meaning** is

& the Context here **MEANS**

**Jesus** is almost **certainly referring** - to **the Transfiguration**

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**So – we continue in Mark 9:2 (NLT)**

***2 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone . . .***

**These 3** were the **inner-circle** –

those **Jesus** kept **closest** to him

But – **there** may also **be something** to the **fact**

that **thru-out the Bible** – **God** says

the **truth** must be **confirmed** by **2 or 3 Eyewitnesses**

**& V.2 continues - Mark 9:2(b) (NLT)**

**2 . . . As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed,**

**One commentator said**

***This is the most understated description - of the most astonishing event - that had yet occurred in the life of Jesus***

This event - is **So Incredible** - & **So Awe-Inspiring**  
& **yet** – **So Simply Stated** by mark

& **notice** – the NLT says

***“Jesus’ APPEARANCE was Transformed”***

**That** is the **traditional** word “**Transfigured**”

**“Transfigured” comes from Two GREEK Words:**

**META** – which means – **Change**

**MORPHE** – which means - **Form**

**Metamorphe = Change Form**

But the **NLT helps** make it clear

That **ONLY** Jesus’ **Outward Appearance changed**  
**nothing** on the **inside changed**

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**Jesus pulled the veil of his humanity back**

to **allow** the **Disciples** to see

**A PORTION** of his **GLORY**

To give the disciples - & US  
Confidence – in the Hope of His Glory

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**& then - Mark 9:3 says (NLT)**

***3 and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them.***

The word translated **DAZZLING** -  
would be like looking at a giant sparkler

This was a **PORTION** of the **Glory** of **Jesus**  
That we see in **Rev Ch 1**

**Where Rev 1:16 says**

***his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.***

& this **Glory** - was **always IN Jesus** –  
**Jesus** refers to it himself in **Jn 17**

But here – **Jesus REVEALS** – just a little bit of it

to give the **Disciples** a **Confident Expectation**  
**of The HOPE of His Glory**

& **THIS** is the **Glory** - **Jesus** will **Return** to **Earth IN**

**Matthew 25:31 (NLT)**

***31 “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne.***

**This** is the **confident expectation** we **have**  
of the **coming GLORY** of **Jesus** Christ

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**BUT** – (this is the **good part**) it **Wasn't JUST Jesus**  
**Who** was **Glorified** in the **Transfiguration**

**Mark 9:4 says (NLT)**

***4 Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.***

**Luke adds – In Luke 9:31 (NLT)**

***31 They (Moses & Elijah) were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his (Jesus') exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.***

**If anyone** could **give** the **disciples** **Confident HOPE**  
in the **Glory** of **Jesus Christ**

it **would** be **Israel's greatest Leader** - **Moses**  
& **Israel's greatest Prophet** – **Elijah**

& **Notice** – they were **speaking** about **the Cross**

**Because** the **Cross** – is at the **CENTER**  
of **God's Plan** of **Salvation**

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**This** is an **incredible** – **Awesome** – **Heavenly Moment**

& **so** – The **Apostle Peter**  
**MUST** – **Stick his foot** in his **mouth** (*it's what he does*)

**Mark 9:5-6 (NLT) → →**

## **Mark 9:5-6 (NLT)**

***5 Peter exclaimed, “Rabbi, it’s wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”***

***6 He said this because he didn’t really know what else to say, for they were all terrified.***

**Stammering - Must-Speak - Mind-Spinning Peter –  
talking because he doesn’t know what else to do**

**Some people try to figure out  
WHY Peter says what he says**

But Vs. 6 tells us why . . .

***6 He said this because he didn’t really know what else to say, for they were all terrified.***

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But – there’s no time for the other disciples  
to even question his crazy response

## **Because Mark 9:7 says (NLT)**

***7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.”***

## **God The Father**

***Who dwells in Unapproachable LIGHT***

**COVERS his BEING – in a CLOUD - & SAYS to us**

***This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him***

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In The first Ch of John – Jesus is called the LOGOS (Grk)  
IN English – he is The WORD

The Grk word means – *God In Expression*  
Or – *the Express image of God*

### John 1:1 (NLT)

*1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

This Indescribable– seemingly Unknowable God – Speaks

& he WANTS us to KNOW HIM  
THRU his Son, Jesus Christ

### Who IS: God in Expression

This is the CORE - of the Revelation of God in the NT

### John 1:18 (NLT)

*18 No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.*

### Jesus himself said in John 14:9 (NLT)

*9 . . . Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!*

### & again Jesus says in John 10:30 (NLT)

*30 The Father and I are one.”*

### Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

*3 The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God . . .*



& Here – at the Transfiguration  
God overwhelms the scene in a CLOUD - & Says

*“This is my dearly loved Son (God in expression to you). Listen to him!”*

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& then - Mark 9:8 (NLT)

*8 Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them.*

WHAM – Jesus is Transfigured –  
Showing a portion of his Glory

Moses & Elijah show up – Also Glorified

& then God the Father –  
who dwells in UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT

COVERS his unapproachable Glory – in a CLOUD  
& God - SPEAKS

*Listen to Jesus – who is God in Expression*

& then – As Suddenly as it all happened – it’s OVER

& the Disciples have to be – in absolute Shock –  
& Finally – Peter is Speechless

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<p><u>Now</u> – I just <u>want to Finish</u> – with <u>three Incredible TRUTHS</u> we <u>see</u> in the <u>Transfiguration</u></p>
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I want to thank Pastor Colin Smith (Unlocking the Bible) -  
I've ADAPTED his OUTLINE here – *(credit to him)*

## #1) You Will Be YOU After Death

Moses died 1200 years before this day  
Elijah died 800 years earlier

& yet - Here they are Alive & Well -  
in Relationship with, and Working alongside Jesus

They are NOT Gone – They are NOT asleep  
as some mis-interpret the KJV language for death

& Yes - they were Heroes of the Bible  
But they were still – JUST MEN

& they are with Jesus  
to Represent the Law & The Prophets

But they GOT There – By FAITH in God  
Just like we get there

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& (most importantly)  
They are STILL – Who they Were on Earth

- They are NOT Reincarnated as something else
- They are NOT Angels
- They are NOT floating on a cloud with a Harp

& they are NOT any of that other crazy stuff  
we come up with about death

**They are STILL – Who they WERE – In Life**

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Guys - **when God created you**  
he **created YOU – AS YOU** - For **Eternity**

This is clear in **Gen 1:27** when **God** created Mankind

**There will never be a time**

when you **CEASE to be you** –  
or **become some-thing else** – rather than **you**

& **more importantly** – God **created you**  
to **BE in RELATIONSHIP** with Him – for **Eternity**

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**BUT** – the **Bible** also **makes clear**

The **relationship** you **have** with God in **THIS LIFE**

**will be** the **basis** of your **Relationship** with God for **ETERNITY**

**& this is true for BOTH**

**Those** who **Believe and Receive**  
**AND** – for those who **Reject and Rebel**

**Ecclesiastes 11:3 (ESV)**

***3 . . . in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.***

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**So – #1) You Will Be YOU After Death**

**& #2) You Will Be KNOWN After Death**

The disciples **immediately KNEW**

that this was **Moses & Elijah** –

We **don't know HOW** they knew

But – **if** the **HOW** was the **important** part

God **would've told** us **HOW** they **knew**

The **important part** is

**Moses & Elijah** – **WERE KNOWN**

**AND they** were **'in relationship'**

with the **Glorified Jesus**

**& so will YOU BE – IF you put your Faith in Him !!**

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You **will be KNOWN** in **Heaven**

**Because** your **Identity Goes with you** into **Heaven**

But **also** because - **God** is a **RELATIONAL God**

God **Exists IN Relationship** – in the **Trinity**

& **We** were **created**

**IN & For Relationship** with **God**

**Jesus Christ DIED for you – SO THAT you  
could be in Relationship with God**

**God made us - IN & FOR - Relationship -  
Both with HIM - & with OTHERS**

& **he made us** that way - for Eternity

& we **SEE THAT** here

in the **Relational interaction**  
**Between Moses, Elijah, & Jesus**

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**So – #1) You Will Be YOU After Death**  
**#2) You Will Be KNOWN After Death**

**& # 3) If you are in Christ, you will share His Glory**  
**After Death**

The Bible says – **when** we **put our Faith** in **Jesus** Christ

We **become so Identified** with him

That we are **“IN Christ”** - (*identified w/ him by faith*)

& so – **we see here** – **NOT ONLY** the **glory** of **Jesus**

but ALSO **Moses** & **Elijah** -  
**Sharing** the **Glory of Christ**

**IN Eternity** – it will **not ONLY** be **Jesus**  
**who** will **be Glorified** –

**But WE** – thru **Faith in HIM** –  
will **ALSO be glorified** – **WITH HIM** – (Rom 8)

& **here** – The **Disciples** get the **slightest glimpse** of that -  
& it **had** to **blow their minds**

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## **2 Thessalonians 2:14 (NLT)**

*14 He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **1 John 3:2 (NLT)**

*2 . . . we do know that [when he appears] we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.*

We **need to KNOW** - the Bible says – **THRU our Faith**

We will **SHARE** his **GLORY** –  
& in his **INHERITANCE** - for **eternity**

& we **need to allow that promise** - to **drive us toward him**

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**God BECAME a Man** – in the **person** of **Jesus Christ** –  
all so that **YOU CAN KNOW God**

**Jesus Christ IS** – **God “In Expression”** to you

& **not only** can we **KNOW God** thru **Jesus** Christ

But we can **also STAND** in the **presence**  
of the **Almighty God** – **thru Jesus Christ**

## **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)**

***21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.***

Which is **what it takes** – to **Stand** in his **Presence**

### **Thru Faith in Jesus Christ**

We can be **MADE RIGHT** with **God**

We can have a **REAL RELATIONSHIP** with **God**

& we can live for **ETERNITY** in the **Glory** of **God's Presence**

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**Today** – **By God's Grace** & **thru Your Faith** in **Jesus**

You can **KNOW God** - & you can **freely receive**  
**Right Standing with God**

**& you can look forward to**

a very **REAL LIFE**

in a very **REAL ETERNITY**

in very **REAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Sharing **THE GLORY** – of Jesus Christ

**Let's Pray**