

Luke 9 Pt 4 Majesty

Jesus Heart

Luke 9:26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you truly, there are **some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.**"

- **Kingdom of God:** God's Rule over Heaven and Earth
 1. Spiritual bursting into the Physical
 2. Supernatural overcoming the Natural

Some standing here will see the Kingdom of God...

V. Jesus Majesty on the Mountain

28 Now it came to pass, about **eight days** after these sayings [Jesus] took **Peter, John, and James** and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His **face was altered**, and His robe became white and glistening.

Mark 9:2b... and He was **transfigured** before them.

- **8 days later:** 6 Days in Matthew/Mark. Two-day journey?
- **Jesus leads** Peter, James, and John to top of high mountain

While praying Jesus face was Altered/Transfigured

- **Transfigured:** His Majesty as King/Deity as God no longer hidden
 1. Lit. **Metamorphosis** as caterpillar to butterfly
 2. Outward change originating from the inside
- **Face altered?** gr. *het'-er-os* Became another thing. Something other than before
- **Robe became white/glistening:** gr. *ex-as-trap'-to* lit. flash out like lightning
 1. **Matthew** Face shining like the sun/Clothes **White as light**
 2. **Mark** Clothes shining, exceedingly **White, like snow...**

**Such as no launderer on earth can whiten them
Don't miss the scene...**

- **Light not shining on Him but from Him**

1 John 1:5 ...God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Psalms 139:11 [Our light in darkness] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me, "Even the night shall be light about me;12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the **night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.**

Revelation 21:23 [Our heavenly home] ...will have no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the **glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**

- **Changed/Transfigured:** His Majesty/Deity in plain view
- **4 on Mountain:** Peter, James, John see scene but are asleep for now v32

30 And behold, **two men talked with Him**, who were **Moses and Elijah** 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of **His decease** which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

- **Appeared in glory:** Left paradise to meet w/Jesus
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| 1. Moses | Law | Bearing witness we fall short |
| 2. Elijah | Prophets | Bearing witness One coming who does not |

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets... **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being **justified freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus**

Moses and Elijah with the King on the Mountain
Speaking about Jesus **decease**. IOWs What's the plan?

- **Decease** gr. *ex'-od-os* lit. Departure. Death, Resurrection, Assentation

32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they **saw His glory** and the two men who stood with Him. 33 **Then it happened**, as [Moses and Elijah] were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he **holds his peace**; When he **shuts his lips**, he is considered perceptive.

Peter wakes up/Moses/Elijah stand up/Then it happened
Let's stay here and build three tiny houses for you guys

- **Peter equates Jesus to Moses/Elijah:** Jesus made Moses/Elijah

Hebrews 3:3 For this One [Jesus] has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as **He who built the house has more honor than the house.**

- Others try to do the same with Jesus, Buddha, Mohamed, Gandhi, Confucius

All great and equal spiritual leaders?

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the **really foolish thing** that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic —

on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. [CS Lewis]

- **Peter knew it was Moses/Elijah:** We will know each other in heaven.

We won't be stupider in heaven than we are now. [Smith]

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I **shall know just as I also am known.**

Peter tempts Jesus to bypass the cross

Let's all just stay here where it's pleasant and...

34 While he was saying this, a **cloud came and overshadowed them**; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!**" 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

- **Shekinah Glory:** Kingdom of God present on earth with power!
 1. With Israel in wilderness
 2. Appeared to Solomon at dedication of Temple
 3. Filled Temple in Ezekiel
 4. Overshadowed Mary at Jesus birth
 5. Will be visible at Jesus 2nd coming...

Luke 21:27 ...they will see the Son of man **coming in a cloud** with power and great glory.

Testimony of the Father: This is My beloved Son
Don't fully trust anyone but Him. Hear Him when He speaks!

There are thousands of priests in the world who say, 'Hear us'; but the Father says '**Hear Him.**' Many voices clamor for our attention: new philosophies, modern theologies/old heresies revived, all call to us/entreat us to hearken, but the Father says, 'Hear [Jesus].'" [Spurgeon]

This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!
IOWs Jesus is the last Word to man before He comes again!

Hebrews 1:1 [greater than Angels/Prophets] God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power

Later a very different Peter would understand. I saw the King in His Kingdom!
Me and James and John were Eyewitnesses of **His Majesty on that Mountain!**

2 Peter 2:16 ...we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.** 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the **holy mountain.**

- Jesus Majesty on the Mountain

**Though we can't stay on the mountain.
Jesus is also with us in the valley...**

VI. Jesus Majesty in the Valley

37 Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. 38 Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "**Teacher**, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my **only child.** 39 And behold, a **spirit seizes him**, and he **suddenly cries out**; it **convulses him** so that he **foams at the mouth**; and it **departs** from him with great difficulty, **bruising him.** 40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

- **4 Come down to crowd:** Father in a valley of life. Only son demon possessed
- Matthew 17/Mark 9 add...
 1. Jesus rebukes Scribes/Father kneels before Jesus
 2. Have mercy on my only son
 3. Demon has made him deaf/mute
 4. Demon seizes him and throws him into fire/water
 5. Demon comes/goes bruising my son/Foams at mouth

- **NOTE:** Not everything can be relegated to bipolar

My son has a demon...Your disciples could not cast it out

41 Then Jesus answered and said, "**O faithless and perverse generation,** how long shall I be with you and bear with you? **Bring your son here.**"

- **Faithless:** Who?
 1. Scribes who were mocking failure of disciples...but also could do nothing
 2. Disciples who failed to deliver the boy?
 3. Father of the boy?

We won't see Jesus Majesty if we relegate him to "teacher"
He must be more. Much more...

Mark 9:21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. **22b... But if You can do anything,** have **compassion on us** and help us." 23 Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe, all things are possible to him who**

believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, **"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"**

"Help my unbelief" is something a man can only say by faith. "While men have no faith, they are unconscious of their unbelief; but, as soon as they get a little faith, then they begin to be conscious of the greatness of their unbelief." [Spurgeon]

"Bring your son here" Bring the one you love to Jesus

If you have been praying for some dear one, and the devil is not cast out, but the one for whom you have pleaded seems to be worse rather than better, notwithstanding all your prayers and all your efforts, hear the Master himself saying to you tonight, as he said to the father of this child, **"Bring your son to here to Me."** [Spurgeon]

42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him.

This is Satan's usual way. Whenever he is about to be cast out of anyone, he grows angry; and if he cannot destroy, he will worry, just as a bad tenant will do injury to the house if he cannot any longer keep possession of it. "As he was yet coming, the devil threw him down, and [convulsed] him." Perhaps I speak to some tonight who are coming to Christ, and yet have worse fears than ever. They are more troubled than ever they were before. Well, you are like this poor child: "As he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him." **It was, however, the devil's last throw.** [Spurgeon]

42b...Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Mark 9:25b... [More to the story] "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But **Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up**, and he arose. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.

- **Majesty:** Lit. Mighty power of God seen in Jesus

Peter, James, and John saw Jesus Majesty On the Mountain and in the Valley

43b... But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, 44 **"Let these words sink down into your ears**, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. 46 Then a dispute arose among them as to **which of them would be greatest.**