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Intro: Before becoming a Christian, Lee Strobel was an award-winning legal editor for the *Chicago Tribune* and a committed atheist. When his wife became a Christian in 1979, he was convinced she had been deceived. Determined to prove Christianity false, he spent nearly two years investigating the evidence using the methods of an investigative journalist.

Rather than beginning with faith, Strobel interviewed historians, biblical scholars, medical experts, and archaeologists. He examined questions about the reliability of the Gospels, the resurrection, and, most importantly, the identity of Jesus.

The question that changed everything was not simply, “Did Jesus exist?” but, “**Who is Jesus?**”

As he examined the historical evidence, Strobel concluded that Jesus repeatedly claimed divine authority, fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, accepted worship, forgave sins, and was vindicated by His resurrection. The evidence led him to an unexpected conclusion: Jesus was not merely a great moral teacher—He truly is the Son of God.

Strobel eventually surrendered his life to Christ, saying that the cumulative evidence was too compelling to reject. His investigation, intended to disprove Christianity, instead convinced him that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be.

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

— C. S. Lewis

Title: Behold His Glory

Giving Priority To The Prince Of Peace

Text: Luke 9:28-36

Luke 9:28-36 (NKJV) 28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He 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. 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. 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 they 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.

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.

The Glorious Revelation Of The Redeemer:

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1. Jesus Revealed as the glorious Son of God

Here, on this mountain, for a brief period of time...God chooses to pull back the veil and allow the disciples to see Jesus' true identity...

Jesus is the glorious Son of God

His transformed appearance revealed His divine nature

Jesus is more than a prophet, teacher, or miracle worker...

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) 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, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

2. Scripture and Testimonies point to Jesus

Luke 9:30-31 (NKJV) 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.

Moses and Elijah testify that Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets

Entire word of God finds its fulfillment in Christ

Luke 24:25-27 (NKJV) 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

3. The Power of The Revelation of Jesus

The Transfiguration was not Jesus becoming something He had never been; it was the unveiling of who He had always been. For a brief moment, the disciples saw beyond His humanity into His eternal glory. The same Jesus who walked dusty roads, slept in a boat, and ate with sinners was also the eternal Son of God clothed in human flesh.

The glory did not come upon Him from outside; it radiated from within Him.

Jesus is not merely a messenger from God—He is God revealed to man.

The Transfiguration proves that the carpenter from Nazareth is the King of Glory.

John 1:14 (NKJV) 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The mountain revealed what the world could not see—Jesus is God in the flesh.

Think about how the revelation of Jesus completes God's story...

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Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus because all of God's redemptive plan points to Him. Moses represented the Law. Elijah represented the Prophets. Their presence testified that Jesus was not starting a new story; He was completing the story God had been telling from the beginning.

Every sacrifice pointed to Him.

Every prophecy anticipated Him.

Every promise finds its fulfillment in Him.

When Moses and Elijah disappear, only Jesus remains, because Christ is the culmination of everything God intended to reveal.

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The entire Bible is a spotlight, and Jesus is the One standing in its beam.

The Messiah's Mission:

1. The cross was always God's plan
2. God's purposes are greater than our preferences.
3. The Revelation of Jesus calls for a decision:

The climax of the Transfiguration is not the shining face, the cloud, or even the appearance of Moses and Elijah. It is the Father's voice:

Luke 9:35 (NKJV) 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

God did not reveal Jesus merely to amaze the disciples; He revealed Him to command their allegiance. Revelation always carries responsibility. Once you see Christ for who He is, neutrality is no longer an option.

His glory calls for worship.

His authority calls for obedience.

His voice calls for surrender.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV) 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of

those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The purpose of revelation is not admiration—it is transformation and submission to Christ.
Experience must reinforce obedience.
Vision must lead to submission.

GIVING PRIORITY TO THE PRINCE OF PEACE

1. Jesus Speaks With Ultimate Authority.

The Father commands the disciples to listen to His Son.

Christ's voice must be elevated above every competing voice.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (AMP) 1 God, having spoken to the fathers long ago in [the voices and writings of] the prophets in many separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the truth], and in many ways, 2 has in these last days spoken [with finality] to us in [the person of One who is by His character and nature] His Son [namely Jesus], whom He appointed heir and lawful owner of all things, through whom also He created the universe [that is, the universe as a space-time-matter continuum].

Ask God to give you a fresh revelation of Christ's glory.

2. Listening And Obeying.

True discipleship is more than admiration; it is obedience.

John 14:15 (AMP) 15 "If you [really] love Me, you will keep and obey My commandments.

3. When Jesus alone remains..

Moses disappeared.

Elijah disappeared.

"Jesus was found alone."

Christ alone is sufficient for salvation, guidance, and hope.

Colossians 1:18 (AMP) 18 He is also the head [the life-source and leader] of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place [He will stand supreme and be preeminent] in everything.

God

Conclusion: