

**Series:** The Glory of Christ

**Sermon:** Glory, the Cross, and Following Jesus

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:21-17:13 (NIV 84)

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*Matthew 17:1-13 NIV 84*

<sup>1</sup> *"After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.*

<sup>2</sup> *There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.*

<sup>3</sup> *Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.* <sup>4</sup> *Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."*

<sup>5</sup> *While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

<sup>6</sup> *When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified.*

<sup>7</sup> *But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."*

<sup>8</sup> *When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.*

<sup>9</sup> *As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

<sup>10</sup> *The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"*

<sup>11</sup> *Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.*

<sup>12</sup> *But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."*

<sup>13</sup> *Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist."*

**Is the topic of "glory" really relevant to my life, my heart, and my deepest desires?**

**The EVENT of the Transfiguration**

**The MEANING of the Transfiguration**

**The REASON for the Transfiguration**

*Revelation 1:12-18 NIV 84*

<sup>12</sup> *"I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*

<sup>13</sup> *and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.*

<sup>14</sup> *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.*

<sup>15</sup> *His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.*

<sup>16</sup> *In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.*

<sup>17</sup> *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his righthand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.*

<sup>18</sup> *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."*

## **The EVENT and MEANING of the Transfiguration**

- Jesus is the Greater Moses
- Jesus is the Greater Elijah

Hebrews 3:1-6 NIV 84

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.*

<sup>2</sup> *He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.*

<sup>3</sup> *Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.*

<sup>4</sup> *For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.*

<sup>5</sup> *Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.*

<sup>6</sup> *But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.*

I Kings 17:19-22 NIV 84

<sup>19</sup> *"Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.*

<sup>20</sup> *Then he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?"*

<sup>21</sup> *Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!"*

<sup>22</sup> *The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived."*

Hebrews 1:1-3 NIV 84

<sup>1</sup> *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,*

<sup>2</sup> *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.*

<sup>3</sup> *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

II Peter 1:3, 16-18 NIV 84

<sup>3</sup> *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness....*

<sup>16</sup> *We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

<sup>17</sup> *For 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."*

<sup>18</sup> *We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain."*

## **The REASON for the Transfiguration**

Matthew 16:21-27 NIV 84

*<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.*

*<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"*

*<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."*

*<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

*<sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.*

*<sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*<sup>27</sup> 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.*