

## Sermon Notes

### The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13

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#### *Matthew 17.1-13 CSB*

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2 He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it's good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up[a] three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."*

*5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered[b] them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.*

*7 Jesus came up, touched them, and said, "Get up; don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up they saw no one except Jesus alone.*

*9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."*

*10 So the disciples asked him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"*

*11 "Elijah is coming and will restore everything," he replied. 12 "But I tell you: Elijah has already come, and they didn't recognize him. On the contrary, they did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptist.*

**Main Idea** - Jesus is the Eternal Glory of God and through him we have access to the Father.

## **Christ is the Glory of God (2-3)**

### **Peter Responds (4)**

*Exodus 34.8-9 CSB*

**8** Moses immediately knelt low on the ground and worshiped. **9** Then he said, "My Lord, if I have indeed found favor with you, my Lord, please go with us (even though this is a stiff-necked people), forgive our iniquity and our sin, and accept us as your own possession.

*Isaiah 6*

**The Lord Responds:** He is the voice of God - He is the the Word!

*John 1:1-5 (NIV):* **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5** That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

*1 Timothy 2.5-6 (CSB):* **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.

*Matthew 27.51 (CSB):* **51** Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.

### **Don't tell anyone**

*2 Peter 2.19 (CSB):* **19** We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### **What we learn about God**

*2 Corinthians 5.20-21 (CSB) -* **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's

*behalf, “Be reconciled to God.” 21 He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) What have you done thinking it was “worthy” of Jesus or deserved something back from God?
- 3.) What does it mean that Christ is not a reflection of anyone's Glory but radiates his own?
- 4.) How do you identify with Peter and his desire to “do something” for God?
- 5.) How do you respond to the Glory of God? Are you taking the Gospel to those that need it?
- 6.) Why is it important that we have a mediator between us and God?  
How can you be pleasing to God?
- 7.) From your Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?