

Matthew 17:1-13

“Glimpse of Glory”

## Sermon Outline:

Matthew 16:28— “ Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom”

### Setting

- after six days
  - Luke says 8— doesn't count the day of the promise to the day of transfiguration
  - Exodus 24— Moses receiving the law after 6 days of preparation
  - A cloud covered the mountain
- Peter — High and low
- High mountain

### 1. A Glimpse of the Glory of Jesus

- He is God
  - Transfigured = unveiled
    - *Philippians 2:6— “who though he was in the form of God, did count equality with God a things to be grasped but emptied himself”*
    - *Psalms 104:2— “you are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent”*
    - *Matthew 16:27— “coming in the glory of His father”*
    - *Hebrews 1:3— “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature”*
- He is the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets
  - 2 Witnesses — Deut. 19:15— 2 or 3 witnesses
    - Better Moses
      - **Exodus 13:29-34**
      - Moses had a reflective glory
      - Jesus had a glory of his own
      - Luke 9- his exodus to accomplish
      - Not His departure, but His exodus he would accomplish of redeeming men/women from the world
    - Better Elijah
      - Fulfillment of law and prophets
      - Sermon on mount — Matthew 5:17
      - Matthew 11:13
- He will return in glory

- His death is not the end

## **2. The Affirmation of the Father**

- cloud overshadowed
- same as baptism
- Listen to him
- ***Deut 18:15— “The Lord you God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers— it is to him you shall listen”***
- Encouraged the son (for the joy set before)
- Comforted and commanded the disciples

## **3. The response of the disciples**

- Make tents (Peter)— didn't want to leave this place
- Appropriate response to God's presence
  - Fear
  - Fell on their faces
- Jesus invites us into the presence of God
  - Rise and have no fear
- Saw only Jesus... He's greater
  - He has spoken through his son

### **Application:**

- \*\* His glory is our hope
  - the transfiguration served as a counterbalance to His previous teachings
- \*\* We ought to believe in Him
- \*\* We ought to obey Him
- \*\* We ought to live with an expectation of His second coming
- \*\* He is in complete control

### **Small Group Discussion:**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the passage and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. How does the transfiguration give us a glimpse into the nature and glory of Jesus, and what does this teach us about His identity?

3. Why is it significant that there are two witnesses? What is special about these two witnesses that are seen with Jesus?
4. In what ways does the voice from the cloud during the transfiguration echo God's affirmation of Jesus? Why is this moment critical?
5. How does the transfiguration highlight Jesus as the fulfillment of the law and prophets? What does this mean for our understanding of the Old Testament? What does this mean for us?
6. How does the transfiguration serve as a foretaste of Christ's second coming? And how should this affect our daily lives?
7. How does this passage inspire us to walk in hope today? How can we live out greater belief and hope in Him in light of this text?