

# Message Note

## **The Transfiguration of Jesus**

Matthew 17:1-13

Gospel of Matthew, Part 60

January 22, 2006

### **Prayer for the Seeking**

*Jesus, I don't know You and I don't see who You are. If You're real, I want to know You. I open myself up to You. Cause the light of Your glory to shine in my heart, so that I might see. Help me to seek the truth and see the truth. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Faith**

*Lord Jesus, You are the Glorious One, the complete and full revelation of God. I believe You are the Supreme Son, Lord of the universe and Lord of my life. I believe that You are Suffering Servant, who died on the cross for my sins in order to make me a child of God.*

*I need what only You can provide. . . a right relationship with God. I turn from my self and my sin to You. I trust You completely. I receive Your grace and Your righteousness. My life is Yours. Amen.*

### **Prayer for the Believer**

*Lord Jesus, You are so much more glorious than I realize. I need to let the weight of Your glory outweigh all else in my life. Show me what that means and what that looks like. Help me to listen to You. Banish my fears by the grace of Your glory. Amen*

# Message Outline

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### **I. The REVELATION of Jesus' Glory (17:1-3)**

- A. The source of glory, not reflected glory.
- B. Glory greater than Moses.
- C. Glory greater than Elijah.
- D. Glory greater than the "glory cloud."
- E. Graceful Glory

### **II. The AFFIRMATION of Jesus' Glory (17:4-5)**

- A. The Supreme Son (Ps. 2)
- B. The Suffering Servant (Is. 42:1-4)
- C. The object of God's love, affection and delight.

### **III. The RAMIFICATION of Jesus' Glory (17:6-8)**

- A. Listen to Him (17:5)
- B. Let the weight of His glory outweigh all else in your life.
- C. Let the grace of His glory calm your fears.

## Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read the Matthew 17:1-13 passage one more time. Look back and compare what's happening in the second half of chapter 16. What are the connections? How is this passage a turning point in Matthew's gospel?
2. Look back. Read Exodus 33:18-23. What's happening there? To whom? How does this passage relate to Matthew 17:1-13?
3. Now look forward. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18 and John 1:14. What is the relevance of these passages in relation to what's happening in Matthew 17:1-13?
4. Read Psalm 2 and Isaiah 42:1-4. What is so significant about the affirmation of God in Matthew 17:5? What does it reveal about who Jesus is? What does it reveal about what Jesus came to do? Why is the timing in the narrative so important? Why does God speak from heaven right at that moment?
5. What are the two things that the disciples are told to do in this passage? How do these commands relate to the glory of Jesus?

## Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-6. How does this passage relate to Matthew 17? To us? What must happen for us see the glory of Jesus? What are some of the ways that happens? How did that happen for the first time for you? Do we ever stop needing to see His glory?
3. How is the "Affirmation of Jesus' Glory" good news for us? How does His Sonship relate to our Sonship? (Check out Galatians 4:3-7!) Do we ever stop needing the affirmation and explanation of Jesus' glory (the Gospel) in our lives?
4. What does the word "glory" mean? Why is that an applicable concept for us? What other things outweigh the glory of Jesus in our lives?
5. How did the glory of Jesus affect the lives of these 3 men who experienced it? How do we know? What did it change in their lives? How should the glory of Jesus affect our lives? In what areas?
6. Which of the 3 "Ramifications of Jesus' glory" needs to be personally applied in your life right now? Do we ever stop applying the ramifications of Jesus' glory in our lives?