

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Glimpse of Glory (Part 1) Matthew 17:1-13*

**Summary:** Let this glimpse of Christ's glory assure you that following Jesus is always worth it – no matter how hard, or how costly.

### ***Glimpse of a Sure Glory***

#### **1. See, in Jesus, God's Full Glory (vv. 1-2)**

- In the text, the Transfiguration immediately follows Jesus' statement that some of His disciples would "not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." How do you think the disciples felt about Jesus almost immediately fulfilling this promise? Rest in the truth that Jesus is always able to fulfill His promises.
- Jesus chose to show these three disciples His full glory very soon after explaining that they must take up their crosses and follow Him (16:24). How can seeing and understanding God's glory encourage a believer through suffering for the gospel?
- In Scripture, we see similar reactions when people witness the full glory of God on display. What about God's glory causes fear, trembling, and bowing of the knee? How should this right view of God's glory and power impact our obedience? What about our worship?
- One way in which we can see God's glory on display in our daily life is through fellowship with the saints. What are some ways you can increase your fellowship with believers this summer? How can you ensure that your fellowship promotes seeing the glory of Christ for yourself and others?

#### **2. Hear, in Jesus, God's Unmatched Authority (vv. 3-5)**

- Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents the Prophets. Earlier in Matthew (5:17), Jesus says that He came not "to abolish the Law or Prophets, but to fulfill them." What does it mean that Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the prophets? What is the significance of these representatives appearing here with Christ on the mountain?
- Do you "listen to [Jesus]," as the Father commanded the disciples? Is Jesus your authority? Do you listen to His Word and obey Him? What are some voices you are tempted to listen to instead of Jesus? How can you eradicate these influences?
- Christ has the authority to save and protect His sheep. Are you one of Jesus' sheep? Pray and meditate on the comfort that Jesus, the one with all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18) is the Good Shepherd who lays His life down for His sheep (John 10:11), gives them eternal life, and protects them (John 10:28).