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A Glimpse of Glory

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preached the Kingdom of God. Jesus is nearly half way through His 3 year ministry when He sends His select 12 common men to heal and preach. Jesus' impact became known to the common and to the royalty. He wants to withdraw to a city, yet Jerusalem is down the road and His mission continues to drive Him to cure, heal and most importantly preach the kingdom of God. In the following passages, God the Father makes it very clear who Jesus is.

“But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.” Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen

One; listen to Him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.” (Luke 9:27-36 NASB Mt 16:28-17; Mk 9: 1-9; 2Pet 1:16-18)

Peter, James and John saw the kingdom of God. When did some see the kingdom of God? It was seen by Peter James and John when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain. It was seen by over 500 in the resurrection of Jesus. It was seen by others at the ascension of Jesus. Peter James and John saw the shining internal glory of Christ externally in His face and body.

Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah also appeared with Jesus in glory. Moses represented the Law and Elijah represented the Prophets and both find their fulfillment in their Messiah, Jesus the Christ. All three knew of His departure from this world through His death burial and resurrection. This event would take place in Jerusalem a short time later. Peter, James and John were confused and attempted to elevate Moses and Elijah to Jesus' position. Peter was rebuked by God the Father and the Father made it very clear who Jesus was and how they should respond.

Jesus stood alone. Luke records that God the Father said to Peter, James and John that Jesus was His Son, Jesus was His Chosen One and direct that they listen to Him. Mathew records for them not to tell anyone until after He has risen from the dead. Later Peter releases this event (2 Pet 1 16-18). God timing is perfect.

For Your Consideration:

- Why do you believe that Jesus only took Peter, James and John to the mountain to pray?
- How does Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets) find fulfillment in Christ?
- Where are other events of the kingdom of God and Jesus in His glory found in scripture?

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