

# **The Glory that Follows**

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I. Introduction. Text: Mark 8:38-9:29.

II. The Lord announced the meaning of the Transfiguration before it took place--it was an announcement of His coming in glory and power.

A. This is a preview of what it will be like when Jesus comes again.

B. Peter saw this as a preview of the power of His coming. (II Peter 1:16)

III. The Transfiguration of Jesus.

A. There was a glorious change in Him, which was a clear manifestation that the Lord did not need to die. (John 17)

B. There were heavenly visitors with Jesus: Moses and Elijah.

1. Peter, James and John instantly knew who they were.

2. This is a preview of something yet to come.

3. This is also something that happens at the death of the believer.

4. Both Moses and Elijah pointed to the Messiah.

5. Not all the believers would die, and this event is previewed. (I Corinthians 15)

C. They spoke with Jesus concerning His departure from Jerusalem.

D. The disciples saw the shekinah glory of God and were greatly afraid after the event.

IV. The post-Transfiguration conversation.

A. Jesus forbids the disciples of telling anyone what they had seen until the resurrection.

1. They had incomplete information until they would experience that event.

2. They do not know what it means what Jesus is saying about His resurrection.

3. It was predicted of Jesus, not Elijah that the people would do whatever they pleased.

a. Elijah would indeed come, but the important thing is the cross.

b. John the Baptist fulfilled the coming of Elijah--he exercised his spirit and power.

V. The impotence of the disciples to cast out a demon.

- A. The disciples were unable to cast out the demon because of their unbelief.
- B. Faith is not just believing hard enough that something will happen.
- C. The disciples' faith had been transferred from God at work to the power of the exorcism.
- D. The man's faith was challenged when Jesus said that the problem was with faith and not God's power.
- E. The man responded in humble faith: I believe, help me with my unbelief.
  - 1. All that it takes is a little faith.
  - 2. The object of the faith is what is important.
  - 3. When we have struggles with our faith, we can ask God for help.
- F. What made the difference between Jesus and the disciples was a lifestyle of prayer in the exorcism.
- G. This exorcism is tied to the transfiguration to demonstrate that the secret of the power of the kingdom now is maintaining a relationship with God.

**Application questions:**

1. How have you seen the power of God exercised through people who maintain a consistent relationship with Jesus?

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2. What did the change in Jesus at the transfiguration symbolize?

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3. How would you counsel others to maintain a consistency in their prayer lives?

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