

March 12

Exposing Jesus' Glory

...the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahweh. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke. – Ezekiel 1:28

[Mark 9:2-13, Mt. Hermon(?)] After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up onto a high mountain privately by themselves, *to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered—his face shone like the sun, and he was changed into another form in front of them. His clothing became glistening, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. Elijah and Moses appeared to them in glory, and they were talking with Jesus and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. It happened, as they were parting from him

Peter answered Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. If you want, let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” For he didn’t know what to say, for they were very afraid.

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud came, overshadowing them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my

beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

**This is my
beloved Son**

When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were very afraid. Jesus came and touched them and said, “Get up, and don’t be afraid.”

Suddenly looking around, they saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only. They were silent, and told no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept this saying to themselves, questioning what the “rising from the dead” meant.

They asked him, saying, “Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

He said to them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they didn’t recognize him, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him.” Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the Baptizer. [Matthew 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36]

1. How does God’s first proclamation of Jesus’ sonship (Jan. 14) differ from this one?
2. How is this “seeing the Kingdom with power” (Mar. 11)? How do you see the Kingdom?
3. Jesus, you reveal your power to me in so many ways, but I can’t see past the hard things...

