“A GLIMPSE OF GLORY”

Luke 9:27-36 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God. And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

In the closing days of the ministry of Jesus on earth, before His crucifixion, a GLORIOUS event occurred.

1. His HUMANITY gave way to the MANIFESTATION of His DEITY.

2. He BECAME on the OUTSIDE what He WAS ON THE INSIDE.

3. Jesus Life was marked by GREAT EVENTS, there was His BAPTISM, and then the TEMPTATION, and now today we look at HIS TRANSFIGURATION.

I. THE PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED.

Luke 9:28. And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, HE TOOK PETER AND JOHN AND JAMES, and went up into a mountain to pray. (Mark 9:2 .... "A high mountain"....)

A. The Saviour.

Luke 9:28. And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took ......

Tradition says this mountain was Mount Tabor in central Palestine, but most modern Bible Scholars say it was Mount Hermon which is near Caesarea Philippi, which is where they were at this time.

THE SAVIOUR. His mission was to go to the cross and give his life’s blood for our sins.

B. The Servants.

Luke 9:28. ...... "He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

1. The THREE DISCIPLES were a special group. He took them with Him to the TRANSFIGURATION, when he went to JAIRUS house to RAISED HIS DAUGHTER FROM THE DEAD; He took them with HIM AS HE WENT FARTHER INTO the GARDEN of GETHSEMANE.

2. What made these THREE MEN a SPECIAL group was their DEVOTION and DEDICATION to the SAVIOUR.
3. We see JOHN leaning on the BOSOM OF JESUS in John 13:23, we see PETER’S GREAT CONFESSION OF FAITH when the Lord asks "WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?" We hear PETER in John 6:68 when ask if they would go away...... "PETER SAID "TO WHOM SHALL WE GO, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE"

7. These Three men became GIANTS OF THE FAITH in the early church.

JAMES: Was the first of the TWELVE DISCIPLES to be MARTYRS = "to suffer for a cause" (Acts 12:1-2. Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

PETER: Was a great leader of the early church and gave his life as a MARTYR.

JOHN: the last of the disciples to die, was exiled for his faith to Patmos. (There is no doubt among the apostles theses were the greatest of the twelve.

II. THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Luke 9:29-31. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

A. THE METAMORPHOSE OF CHRIST.

Luke 9:29. ....... "The fashion of his countenance was altered," ....

Mark 9:2. ....... "He was transfigured before them."

Illustration: A Metamorphosis is a process in the world of nature where the CATERPILLAR, a WIGGLY, FUZZY, SQUEEZE CATERPILLAR, will wrap a cocoon around itself and after a period of time, out of that cocoon, from that OLD CATERPILLAR, comes a BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY. The word means A CHANGE, an OUTWARD CHANGE that has come FROM INSIDE the caterpillar.

When the BIBLES tells us that JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED, it means that HE BECAME ON THE OUTSIDE WHAT HE WAS ON THE INSIDE. ....... (HIS COUNTENANCE WAS ALTERED, His FACE SHONE like the SUN.)

B. THE GLISTERING OF HIS CLOTHES.

Mark 9:3. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

1. The Color of His Clothes. (His apparel became "exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can white them Mark 9:3) (This speaks of His Purity, His absolute HOLINESS.)

2. The Sparkle of His Clothes. The words ("WHITE= "to flash out like lighting")

The clothes SPARKLED, FLASHED, GLISTENED, it was the HEAVENLY RADIANCE He
III. THE PROPHETS FROM HEAVEN.

Luke 9:30-31. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

A. THE SIGNIFICANCE.

Luke 9:30...... "Moses and Elias:" They Represented the Old Testament: (1). Moses The Law, and Elijah the Prophets. Both of them went to HEAVEN in an UNUSUAL WAY. Moses died in the EMBRACE OF GOD. Elijah went to heaven in a CHARIOT OF FIRE (that is without dying.)

B. THEIR SUBJECT.

Luke 9:31. ...... "And spake of his decease= "the word means exodus or departure" which he should accomplish= "not a tragedy, accident, disaster, but an accomplishment" at Jerusalem."

Revelation 13:8. "JESUS was the LAMB SLAIN from the FOUNDATION of the WORLD" IV. THE PROPOSAL OF PETER.

Luke 9:32-33. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

Simon Peter spoke up: “Like many of us Simon Peter had a way of starting his mouth RUNNING BEFORE he would PUT HIS BRAIN IN GEAR.

1. You cannot bring Jesus down to the level of any man. (Not MOSES or ELIJAH = they were sinners)

2. Jesus is ABOVE ALL, His NAME is ABOVE ALL.

3. Remember what John’s Mother said to Jesus, “let my sons set on your right hand and on your left hand in glory”........ “Jesus said: “It is not mine to give” but it shall be given to those to whom it is prepared.

V. THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF FATHER.

Luke 9:34-36 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared
as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

A. HE SPOKE OF THE PERSON.

Luke 9:35 “This is my beloved Son: hear him.”

Many voices are calling us and our children to worship a “GOD” of one kind or another, but the hard TRUTH IS THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND HIS NAME IS “JESUS”

PHILIP ASKS WHERE THE FATHER WAS:

John 14:8-11 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

B. HE SPOKE OF HIS PASSION.

Luke 9:35. ........ “My beloved Son”....

Romans 5:8 God commandeth (proves, manifests, exhibits,) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US”...

C. HE SPOKE OF HIS PLEASURE.

Matt 17:5. “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him”

1. No greater honor can be given to anyone than to hear GOD SAY SOME DAY “YOU ARE MY SON I AM PLEASED WITH WHAT YOU DID WHILE YOU WERE ON THE EARTH.

2. Has your LIFE PLEASED GOD?