

# Sermon Notes – March 10, 2019

## Review

- ⇒ In earlier studies we said that in Matthew we hear the word “kingdom” used frequently, and we remembered that in both Daniel & Isaiah there are references to a future, literal kingdom that is coming. As the King of the Kingdom, Jesus brought that future Kingdom near. Today’s text makes that super clear!
- ⇒ Last week with Ben McCardell we listened to Peter’s great confession of Jesus as “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” – a confession immediately affirmed by Jesus.

## Today’s Text: Matthew 17:1-27

In today’s text we join Peter, James, & John for a “field trip” that they’ll never forget, and then, along with them, we leave the mountain-top experience and return to the “normal world” of hurting people and paying taxes.

## “I Can Only Imagine!” Eyewitnesses of Glory!

- ⇒ The God of the Bible is a glorious God! Awesome displays of His glory are recorded in Scripture, in each case, bringing fear and wonder to human spectators. Remember these?
  - The giving of the \_\_\_\_\_ & the \_\_\_\_\_: Exodus 20:18-21; 33:18-23; 34:29-35; 40:34-38
  - The dedication of Solomon’s Temple: II Chronicles 7:1-3
  - The commissioning of a prophet: Isaiah 6:1-8
- ⇒ **READ 16:24-17:13** and recall Peter’s words in **II Peter 1:16-18**.
- ⇒ The scene: In Matthew, important things happen on mountains (Jesus’ Temptation; The Sermon on the Mount; The Olivet Discourse; Mount Calvary; The Great Commission, etc.).
- ⇒ The glory! The glory that covers Jesus is not a \_\_\_\_\_ glory, but rather the true glory that was His from all eternity, a glory \_\_\_\_\_ in the incarnation (Phil. 2:6-7), a glory we will see one day when we are with Him (John 17:5,24; Rev. 1:12-16).
- ⇒ The visitors: Moses & Elijah – likely representing the Law & the Prophets, “talking with Him”; See Luke 9:31.

A Glimpse of True Glory  
Matthew 17:1-27

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- ⇒ Peter! Is Peter merely “putting his foot in his mouth,” or are his comments driven on some level by his knowledge of Zechariah 14? Certainly the disciples are “terrified” and don’t know what to say (Mark 9:6).
- ⇒ God’s voice from heaven surely serves as a vital commentary on Jesus: “Above all others, LISTEN TO HIM!”
- ⇒ Perspective: Jesus knows His disciples will only be able to see this amazing event in proper perspective *after* the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (9)

## Jesus, “Glory Incarnate,” Returns to Serve a Hurting World

- ⇒ Imagine the divide between the \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter, James, & John, and the other nine disciples (16 & 19) who have been unable to help the sick boy!
- ⇒ Carson notes that Jesus’ words in 20-21 “*probably do not refer so much to the littleness of their faith as to its \_\_\_\_\_.*” Truly “faith like a mustard seed” is effectual if driven by a true picture of Jesus & His power.
- ⇒ The miracle of healing is followed by Jesus’ second & very-direct foretelling of His coming death and resurrection, a cause of great distress for these kingdom-anticipating disciples. Their heart is right; their \_\_\_\_\_ is off. The path to the Kingdom includes Jesus’ cross & empty tomb!
- ⇒ The One who is the true temple pays the “temple tax” – Oh, the irony! The main point is about Jesus’ identity – not about paying taxes (26).

## Response to God’s Word

- ⇒ Though one day we will see God’s glory in full expression, yet God intends that we would “see” His glory now in the gospel of Jesus and be profoundly changed by it! (II Corinthians 3:18-4:6; Hebrews 1:1-4)
- ⇒ Just as Peter sank in the waves when he took his gaze off Jesus, so we sink in sin, in despair, in sadness, and in all of life’s struggles when we look at the “waves” instead of at Jesus. **Do you practice Hebrews 12:1-2?**

Next Sunday: March 17, 2019

“True Greatness & Shocking Forgiveness”

Matthew 18:1-35

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