



MARKED FOR GLORY

Marked for glory by his Transfiguration

MARK 9:2-8

I. Jesus draws His disciples away from distractions to speak to their concerns.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. v. 2a

GOD GIVES US mountaintop experiences to _____ the trials in the valleys.

II. Jesus reveals His transcendent power that will see His plan through.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. vv. 2b-4

GOD GIVES US glimpses of His glory to _____ us of the glory to come.

III. Jesus stands alone as the bridge between heaven and earth to guide His disciples to glory.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. vv. 5-8

GOD GIVES US one authoritative source to _____ the way forward.

To get a Glimpse of glory ...

When you feel your _____ aren't being met, meet with Jesus instead.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Don't _____ voices that guide you away from God's direction.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. Hebrews 1:1-2

_____ His Word as He directs you toward abundant and eternal life.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:16-18

HOME GROUP LESSON

"For those of us, like Peter, who have come to trust in Jesus as the Savior, the application is that we must listen to Him by reading His word. God has spoken finally and fully in the person of His Son.

Let us listen to what our Lord says to us in His Word. There are many 'Christian' works available to us today, and unfortunately they are often not written or used to enhance our study of the Bible, but to replace it. Many Christians mistakenly suppose that listening to a preacher is listening to God's Word. Not so! God has gifted men to teach His Word, but that is to enhance our understanding of the Word, not to replace our own study. God will hold us responsible for what we believe, not for what others have taught us. I have attended many Bible studies where the mood, if not the stated emphasis, went something like this: *'Well, this is what this passage means to me ...'* Frankly, most of us haven't studied the text enough to have any opinion as to its meaning. Without knowing it, our words are like Peter's—we don't know what we are saying. The important thing is to learn what the text means, and then to ask ourselves what we are going to do about it. We often 'listen' to God's Word the same way that Peter did.

We listen to the parts we like (i.e. the crown) and we reject the parts we dislike (i.e. the cross). We do not have this option. That is what the transfiguration was saying to Peter. The crown and the cross must be believed and practiced together. How often when we do read the Word, we read it selectively, taking its promises, its hope, its comfort, but ignoring or setting aside its rebuke. The Words of the Father should be ringing in our ears: Since Jesus is the King, we had better to listen to what He says—*ALL* of what He says."

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Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

HEBREWS 1:1-3a

1. Read Mark 9:2-8 and Matthew 17:1-13. What expectations do you have of God that you feel are not being met right now? How have these passages of Scripture given you a new perspective?
2. How does this scene give us glimpses of life after death, and how does it encourage you?
3. Read Mark 8:27-38. What things did Peter experience just prior to seeing Jesus transfigured on the mountain, and how do you think these events affected the way he saw himself and Jesus? How do Peter's reactions remind you of your own?
4. Is Jesus just one voice among many in your life? What other voices do you tend to entertain (e.g., feelings, family, past experiences, circumstances) as much as His?
5. What percent of the time do you read books or listen to speakers rather than studying God's Word for yourself? How often do you find that you can recite what others say about the Scriptures more than reciting Scripture itself? Does a change need to be made?
6. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18. Christ is our only hope when circumstances bring confusion, disappointment and bewilderment. How will you exalt Him above all else? How will you step out in obedience?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND FIND A PLACE TO GROW! If you've been serving at Christ Chapel or in our community for a while, it's time to find a place to grow. Text "CCBCGrow" to 555-888 for a list of groups and classes focused on spiritual growth.

SINGLE MOMS, JOIN US FOR OASIS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 22. Have plans this Friday night? We're getting together for dinner and then heading to the M28 Film Festival. Come with us and get to know the single mom community at Christ Chapel. To RSVP or ask a question, email Kristin at KristinH@christchapelbc.org. Kids Care is available by RSVP for ages 0 to 11 at www.cbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP.

LADIES, YOU'RE INVITED TO "JOY." On Saturday, March 30 discover what it looks like to experience joy no matter the circumstance. We'll hear Christ Chapel women share their stories of finding joy on this complicated path we call life and spend the day worshipping and learning together. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$20 per person. Register today at www.cbcfamily.org/events. Kids Care is available for ages 0 to 11 by RSVP at www.cbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP.

AUDITION FOR "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN." Have you heard the news? The musical "Singin' in the Rain" is splashing into Christ Chapel this August! We're looking for a cast and crew to help put on the show. If you're interested, go to www.cbcfamily.org/musical to sign up for an audition or crew slot today. Auditions will be held April 5-7.

GET READY FOR SUMMER AT CHRIST CHAPEL! We're counting down the days until school is out because there's a slew of awesome camps and events coming our way. There's Kids Kamp and Adventure 56! in June, MusiCamp in July and "Singin' in the Rain" in August. Head to www.cbcfamily.org/summerfun to plan your summer now.

CHECK OUT "HILLS TO DIE ON," OUR NEWEST THEOLOGY CLASS. "Hills to Die On" explores the nonnegotiable beliefs of our faith. This month and next we're discussing what we believe about Jesus and the Trinity – what those truths are and how we got them on Sundays at 11 a.m. in Link Classroom South. Learn more at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

WISH YOU UNDERSTOOD THE OLD TESTAMENT? If you've ever stopped reading the Old Testament because it was confusing or intimidating, now's your chance to understand it in a new way. In the Old Testament Survey class Dr. Bill Egner will guide you, connecting each story to Jesus and your life today. The class meets on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Room. Kids Care is available for ages 0 to 11 by RSVP only at www.cbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP.