



Understanding True Glory

Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Listen! *We are only motivated to be a better person by someone who is compelling.*

Is Jesus a compelling Person—how do you see Him?

- **The baby Jesus:** I become a *sentimental* person.
- **The wimpy Jesus:** I become a *ridiculing* person.
- **The angry Jesus:** I become a *critical* person.
- **The lunatic Jesus:** I become a *scoffing* person.
- **The shyster Jesus:** I become a *judgmental* person.
- **The irrelevant Jesus:** I become a *mis-focused* person.

Question: Who is Jesus? Is any one of these an accurate picture of Him?

Here is what “came to light” about Jesus at the transfiguration:

First, He is the glorious Son of God.

Second, He is the culmination of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah).

Third, He is beloved and completely pleasing to His Father.

Fourth, He must be heard.

Here is how sane people respond to the revelation:

First, they bow to Jesus in His glory.

Second, they listen to Jesus.

Third, they take courage in His return in glory.

The Message: *Jesus is the glorious Son of God... sane people bow before Him, listen to Him, and take courage at His pending return.*

Listen to what the voice says about the Son! Then listen to the Son!

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

The Message: *Jesus is the glorious Son of God...sane people bow before Him, listen to Him, and take courage at His pending return.*

- Please read Matthew 17:1-8 each day before the reflection time.
- **Today.** In the open list of “caricatures of Jesus” on the other side of this page are there any that you have consciously or unconsciously believed? Why? Do you now see them as either inadequate or flatly false?
- **Monday.** Please reflect on Jesus as “the glorious Son of God” and consider both what that means and what it means for your own life and relationship with Him.
- **Tuesday.** Please reflect on Jesus as “the culmination of both the Law and the prophets” and consider both what that means and what it means for your own life and relationship with Him.
- **Wednesday.** Please reflect on Jesus as “the beloved and completely pleasing Son of His Father” and consider both what that means and what it means for your own life and relationship with Him.
- **Thursday.** Please reflect on the question of your own submission to Jesus and obedience toward Jesus—how have you done at literally and figuratively “bowing before Him?” What do you learn from seeing the disciples be terrified and on their faces when they hear the voice from heaven?
- **Friday.** Please reflect on the question of how well you are listening to Jesus on an ongoing basis. Are you listening to Him systematically and if so how are you doing that? What else are you listening to? ... inner recordings of childhood messages? ... opinions of others about you and about theology? ... media messages about fear or glamour or money? ... friends, classmates, and relatives about their values? ... _____? How could you better listen to Jesus?
- **Saturday.** Please reflect on the issue of your own anxiety/fear versus your own courage. What is causing anxiety and/or fear in your life? Why do the glory and the glorious return of Jesus give courage? Please read Romans 8:18. How does this verse bear on the issue of courage?

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