



Loving God Extravagantly ~ Loving People with Humility ~ Mentoring Others to Do the Same

Sunday Message Notes

Series: Gospel of Luke - Part 2

Message: The Transfiguration

CTW: John 1:14

Text: Luke 9:28-36

Date: June 30, 2024

Message Outline

Introduction: God's Manifest Beauty -

I. Getting Away To Pray...Again (Luke 9:28)

- It is eight days after Peter's Confession (v. 28)
- Jesus is, this time, taking his "inner core" apart for prayer (v. 28)
- Jesus has now developed a powerful, multi-level influence:
 1. The Masses
 2. The 120
 3. The 72
 4. The 12
 5. The 3

II. Encountering God's Shekinah (Luke 9:29-36)

- Notice the encounter happened "as Jesus was praying..." (v. 29)
 1. The appearance of his face was transformed
 2. His clothes became dazzling white
 3. This is not the first time a servant of God has seen the Son in his glory
 - a. Daniel 3:24-27
 - b. Daniel 7:13-14
 - c. Hebrews 1:3

d. John 1:14

- ❑ Notice that two key servants were talking with Jesus – and they also were “glorious to see” (vv. 30-31)
 1. Moses - The Great Lawgiver
 2. Elijah - The Great Prophet
 3. They discussed all that was yet to unfold in the days ahead
 4. Some believe that this may be an indication that Moses and Elijah are God’s “Two Witnesses” at the end (Revelation 11:3-13)
- ❑ Notice Peter, James, and John were asleep (v. 32)
- ❑ Peter responds by speaking before he realized what he was saying (v. 33)
 1. Moses and Elijah were starting to depart
 2. Peter offers to build three tabernacles
 - a. The Tabernacle was the earthly dwelling place for God’s glory (Exodus 25:8)
 - b. But Peter was unwittingly making Moses and Elijah *equal* with Jesus!
- ❑ While Peter was speaking, the full Shekinah of God overshadowed them (v. 34)
 1. This is the Shekinah from the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15:17)
 2. This is the Shekinah from the Burning Bush (Exodus 3)
 3. This is the Shekinah that led the Israelites in the desert (Exodus 13:21-22; 40:34-38)
 4. This is the Shekinah that prevented the priests from ministering in the temple (2 Chronicles 5:7-14)
 5. This is the Shekinah that terrified Isaiah as God set him apart for his prophetic ministry Isaiah 6:1-6)
 6. And this same Shekinah Presence of God terrified Peter, James, and John as well
- ❑ God speaks (v. 35)

Conclusion: The Coming Glory

Making It Personal

Our series, “That You May Know...” on the Gospel of Luke, is designed to give us a more robust faith in Jesus. True Christian Faith is a life-changing trust in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We trust him not only for our salvation but for every aspect of our lives.

1. Why is it significant that the transfiguration happens *after* Peter’s confession of Jesus as The Christ?
2. How is Jesus’ “multi-level influence” a model for you?
 - a. Who are you discipling as your “inner core” (3)?
 - b. Who are you discipling through a regular relationship (12)?
 - c. Who are you discipling through more general influence (72)?
3. What is the “Shekinah” of God, and why is it a big deal?
4. Why were Moses and Elijah meeting with Jesus?
 - a. What was significant about their ministries under the Old Covenant?
 - b. What were they discussing with Jesus at the Transfiguration?
 - c. What will be their long-term role in the future?
5. Why was Peter’s suggestion to build tabernacles problematic?
6. What personal lesson(s) are you taking away from this incredible event?

Next Time

On July 7th, we’ll get some insight into those times when deliverance ministry is particularly difficult.