

Why did God write this? To reveal, briefly and partially, the overwhelming glory of Jesus.

I. Jesus' Prediction: Coming Kingdom with Power

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

II. Jesus' Transfiguration: Glistening with Flash Dazzle¹

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

Application: Stop and stare in awe at Jesus as He is revealed in verse 3.

III. Jesus' Conversation: Talking with Elijah and Moses

⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

IV. Peter's Suggestion: Talking with Fear and Ignorance

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Application: Be slow to speak (James 1:19), especially in God's presence (Eccl 5:1, 2). Do not speak when you are ignorant or terrified.

V. Father's Sanction: God Identifying with His Son

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant. ¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" ¹² Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?" ¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him."

Application: Acknowledge Jesus the Son, affirm your love for him, listen to him.

The Sermon-in-a-Sentence: Jesus' glory, identity, and authority are from His Father and are dazzling and frightening.

¹ "Glistening with Flash Dazzle" is not my attempt to be clever. Those words are elements of Louw -Nida's definition of the Greek word *stilbonta*.