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 Dazzle
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.

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

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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.