

**Overview**

**1-V1-3** Jesus had just told his disciples, distraught at his prediction, that he would suffer and be killed and that they would see Him coming in great glory. So now he gives his key leaders Peter, James and John a glimpse of the power and glory that he is. On the mountain his appearance \_\_\_\_\_, so that his face shone like the \_\_\_\_\_ and his clothing became dazzling \_\_\_\_\_.

**2-V3** Suddenly the two of the greatest disciples of the past, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (long passed from this world—but not dead), appear and are \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus. They had heard Jesus tell of his suffering and death and resurrection—but did not hear the resurrection part well. Now they see proof that those who die do not perish but live on.

**3-V4-6** Peter gets mixed up about the difference between Jesus and other great spiritual leaders. He is inspired to worship all three of them and to make a \_\_\_\_\_ for each one. However, the Father will not have this. Appearing in the midst of a bright \_\_\_\_\_, He witnesses to Jesus. "This is my beloved \_\_\_\_\_, and I am fully \_\_\_\_\_ with him. \_\_\_\_\_ to him."

**4-V6-8** The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ by the presence of the living God dwelling in light unapproachable and fell \_\_\_\_\_ down on the ground. Jesus did one of the things He came to do—to take away our fear of the Father. He said, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_."

**5-V9** Jesus had told the religious leaders that he was not going to give them some sign to prove himself. We come into salvation by repenting of our sins and following Jesus out of love for Him. We do not come by aligning ourselves with him because he's overwhelmingly great. In the long run people with selfish ambition reject authority anyway. So Jesus asks the disciples not to tell anyone what they had \_\_\_\_\_ until he is \_\_\_\_\_.

**6-V10** The disciples had just seen \_\_\_\_\_ which caused them to remember one of the predictions about the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_, that Elijah would come \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus explains to them that the mantle, the anointing that Elijah had passed on to his chief disciple Elisha, had indeed been put on another man - \_\_\_\_\_. And he had been treated like most prophets are treated ---badly.

**7-V14** When we come down from "mountain top experiences" to life as usual, we are confronted by the works of the god of this world, the devil. In this case it was a demon causing a little \_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**8-V16-18** The 10 disciples did not have enough \_\_\_\_\_ and were unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the boy. Jesus said the disciples failed because they were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**9-V19-21** The disciples certainly did have some faith—they had connection with Jesus, they were committed to him, they were part of his healing team. So they asked him why their faith was not enough. He told them that if they had faith as big as a \_\_\_\_\_ seed, about the size of a bit of ground pepper, they could move a \_\_\_\_\_ from one place to another and that \_\_\_\_\_ would be impossible for them. Perhaps it is that kind of faith. It is one thing to be caught up in a time of spiritual awakening where everyone is excited and praying for the sick. It is another thing to have the "gift of faith."

**10-V22** Jesus tests the waters again. He tells the disciples again about his coming betrayal, being killed and also being raised from the \_\_\_\_\_. But still seeing things from a human point of view, they were filled with \_\_\_\_\_.

**11-V24** Jesus was replacing the way people relate to God the Father—from one of laws to one of grace. As "the" Lamb of God he would end the need for the Hebrew Temple. But for the time being the disciples should pay the temple \_\_\_\_\_ for the care of the temple

**Word Study**

- ELIJAH • DEMON • GO FISH • NOT ENOUGH • APPEARANCE
- MOSES and ELIJAH • SHRINES

**1.V2** \_\_\_\_\_ What the disciples were seeing was the actual appearance of the Son of God before He laid aside His heavenly glory to be born in the likeness of sinful man. Philippians 2:6,7 This was the glory Jesus shared with the Father before the world began. John 17:5 • John's first "revelation" recorded in Revelation was of Jesus in His glory. "And standing in the middle of the lampstands was the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were bright like flames of fire. His feet were as bright as bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was as bright as the sun in all its brilliance." Revelation 1:13-16

**2.V3** \_\_\_\_\_ Their presence demonstrates that no one dies and ceases to exist. They had continued to live on in a different place. As Jesus said another time, "Long after Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had died, God said, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." So He is the God of the living not the dead." Matthew 22:31-32

**3.V3** \_\_\_\_\_ Peter had just confessed that Jesus was the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16 But his clear sight of who Jesus is had faded a bit to consider that two mortal, sinful men like Moses and ELIJAH should be worshipped, put in the same category as the Son of God. The Father corrects Peter's mistake saying, "This is my beloved Son..."

**4.V10** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was speaking about John the Baptist. He was not saying that Elijah was somehow reincarnated in John the Baptist. In fact, Elijah had just appeared. It was the prophetic mantle, calling, and anointing that God had put on Elijah, which God had transferred to Elisha, Elijah's successor, and in this time to John the Baptist.

**5.V14** \_\_\_\_\_ A demon was waiting for the Lord, Peter, James and John at the foot of the mountain. This is the way it is for us too. We have mountain top experiences but coming back down in the valley of our ordinary living we are faced with the servants of the god of this world—who come to oppress, obsess, deceive, tempt, steal, kill and destroy. The mountain top experiences reveal the preeminent power of God to deal with evil.

**6.V20** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said the disciples did not have even the seed of mountain moving faith because they were stubborn and faithless. Faith is built by a daily yielding to the Holy Spirit--the opposite of stubbornness and commitment to endure in the Lord's calling for us -- the opposite of faithlessness. The disciples certainly did have some faith. They had connection with Jesus, they were committed to him, they were part of his healing team. • Perhaps it may be also the kind of faith. It is one thing to be caught up in time of spiritual awakening where everyone is excited and praying for the sick and doing miracles. It is another thing to have the "gift of faith" imparted by Holy Spirit Baptism to those crucified with Christ. I Corinthians 12:9

**7.V27** \_\_\_\_\_ God pays for what He orders. So any resource that one of His churches needs is already present in the body. The money is there. That certain kind of leader is there. We have to go fishing—that's how we find them. Fishing means mental effort – study, looking, pondering. Fishing usually includes extended prayer, meditation, listening for the revelations of God. The disciples found a coin in the fish's mouth to pay for the temple tax when they went fishing. The disciples got nets full of fish.

**What does this Scripture say to you?** \_\_\_\_\_