

The Glory of Christ

Luke 9:28-36

There were two challenging statements that Jesus made before the Transfiguration:

1. He reveals to the disciples that He must suffer and die
2. He reveals to the crowds that if anyone would follow Him, they must take up their crosses daily and suffer also.

These were difficult things to hear, and so Jesus gives his inner circle, Peter, James and John, some reassurance through this event that they witness.

Peter, James and John

- Christ went up to the mountain to pray and took them with him, but they were overcome with sleep (vs. 32)
- They were asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane as Christ was praying as well, right before His betrayal. (Matt 25:36-45)
- At both Christ's most glorious moment and one of His hardest, the disciples slept instead of praying with Him.

Jesus

- Christ was *transfigured* (Mark 9:2-3). This refers to a change from the *inside out*. This was not an outward appearance only, this was who Christ truly is on display.
- When Christ came to this earth, He didn't "give up" His Deity. He voluntarily limited Himself and set aside the privileges of His Deity. (Phil 2:5)
- This was a foreshadowing of Christ's second coming! (Matt 25:31, Rev 22:5)
- This event served as an assurance for Peter and John for many years to come (John 1:14, 2 Peter 1:16-19). Scripture serves as our assurance of the things to come, for it is the very words and promises of God, and is profitable for all things pertaining to righteousness (2 Tim 3:16, Psalm 119:105)
- Through Christ, we are also "transfigured" as well. From death to life, and from one degree of glory to the next through Sanctification! (2 Cor 3:18).

Moses and Elijah

Moses and Elijah being there with Christ was significant for a few reasons:

- Moses represented the Law given by God to Him on Mt. Sinai (Ex 20-32)
- Elijah represented the Prophets who were all pointing to a coming future Messiah
- Christ has fulfilled the Law (Romans 6:3-4) and the Prophets (Heb 1:1-2) and is therefore superior to both.
- Christ's death was not a "backup plan". It had been prophesied about Him from the OT (Isa 53) and has been a part of God's plan of redemptive history from the very beginning (Gen 3:15)
- We can trust God no matter how grim the situation! He is in control!

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell It Is Well With My Soul — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.
- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be TONIGHT from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-Together NEXT Sunday, October 27th, at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget as well as voting on Elder Zach for the Associate Pastor position.