

The Transfiguration

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Matthew, chapter 16**, in the last verse, we read -

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son Man of coming in his kingdom.

Really, that verse goes right on into **chapter 17** -

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain. *That mountain*

was probably Mt. Hermon - 9,800 feet high. Here in this mountain, something most amazing happened. We read on -

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses. . . . Now if you are a student of the Word, you will know that it was the Lord who buried Moses, so nobody knew where he was buried. . . . **and Elias** - who had been taken up in a chariot. . . . **talking with him.** - *Jesus 4*

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias.

You cannot help but think how blind are the blind and how blind was Peter before he came into the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. He was seeing the Lord, not as Jesus the perfect Man, but He was being

revealed at that moment in all His glory and power, rather like John on the Isle of Patmos in the **first chapter** of **Revelation**. And Peter misses it! “Oh,” you say, “I cannot believe somebody would be that dumb!” What about you and me? Have you ever realized that for the most part, we miss what the Holy Spirit is showing us about the Lord Jesus? We say we read our Bible, but does the Bible read us? We say we are understanding something about the life of the Lord, but we go into a day and we do not even think of Him. Perhaps if something comes up at the end of the day, we might give Him a quick thought, and go to bed. Are we any different? Could it be that we have never understood Who this One is - our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as He was transfigured?

What was the conversation between Moses, Elijah and our Lord? We are told in **Mark’s Gospel** that the Lord was explaining to them what was going to happen in Jerusalem. You see, the Lord was preparing His own. He was preparing those around that they might understand that it was of God’s plan and purpose. It was with the complete assent of our Lord that He came into this world, that He might die a spotless, sinless Son of God. He might die a spotless, sinless Man for your sin and mine. He was not only speaking of His death, but He was telling those around of His resurrection.

Moses - in so many portions of His writings (and also by Elijah) points

to the realization that it had to be that one day this One would come; this One who would be the Only One to carry the sin of the world. Everything that took place pointed to that death on the Cross. Peter missed it, because he had never really applied this to his own life. We can be sitting in church, even teaching a little Sunday School class or whatever, and miss the fact that, although we tell our children these little short stories about Jesus, we have never personally come to understand Who this Jesus is as He showed His face in all His glory: this is our beloved Lord! I want you to meet Him like that today. I want you to see Him.

For we read on in **Matthew chapter 17 -**

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased; hear ye him.

The Law could not be fulfilled, but He, Who is full of truth and grace, can alone meet you and me. . . . **hear ye Him.** Have you listened to Him? Have you given Him place to be your personal Saviour? Have you said, *It is no longer I running my life. I bow before You and I worship and I adore You.* I want you to know that as you do that, Jesus will say - *Arise, do not be afraid: it is My life; it is My life that is going to be lived through you by the power of My Spirit.*

Open your heart to Him and let us know. We want to help you

spiritually and we love you dearly in Him.

God bless.