

## Show Me Your Glory

### I. Slide2 Announce:

- A. Slide2-4 Larry - Harvest Festival. Real Tues. Fresh Hope. Intro VM.
- B. Slide5 Victor Marx.
- C. Brian - Join us in sanct for our *Children at Risk* mtg 3-5pm, w/VM.

### II. Slide6 Intro: Show Me Your Glory

- A. Remember what Moses asked back in Ex.33:18? *Please, show me Your glory.*
- B. 6 days have passed since Peter tried to barricade Christ from His Cross.
  - 1. Now, we have before us the *dress rehearsal* of His **2nd Coming**, in all His splendor.
  - 2. Slide7 Here we get a Glimpse of Jesus' **Glory**. This whole story is about **GLORY**.
- C. Note, **Behold** or *look/see* used **twice** in vs.3 & 5. As if Matthew couldn't even tell the story w/o stopping to catch his breath...at the sheer staggering **wonder** of it.
  - 1. 3 disciples get to *catch a glimpse* of the **intersection** between heaven & earth, as they observe Jesus in His **heavenly glory**.
- D. This was the **only time** His **glory**, *veiled in human flesh*, was allowed to **shine through**.
  - 1. ***Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.*** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### III. Slide8 A GLANCE AT GLORY (1,2)

- A. Just as *high altitude* transforms a landscape in the **physical** world...so does real prayer in the **spiritual** realm.
  - 1. You climb to the top, & things you thought so **massive**, are now so **puny**. **Other objects** you greatly **underestimated** look **very impressive** now.
- B. Slide9 Look who Jesus loves taking up on Mountain Tops?
  - 1. He took **Peter** with his blunders (*not so Lord*). **And** he took **the sons of thunder**, who had asked to call fire down from heaven on the very people Jesus came to save. [He loves taking us to mountain tops also]

2. Maybe **Jesus** this week, is going to invite **you** up onto a **mountaintop**, to give you a **God's eye view** of your situation. **To show you** your perspective is skewed. **To show you** those **big things** that you see, are actually really small ...from **His** perspective...from **that** vantage point.

C. **Slide10 Transfigured** Greek / metamorFO - *a change on the **outside** that comes from the **inside**.*

1. For that brief moment, they saw Him as **the heavenly Lord**.
2. The prefix **Trans** means **literally across** (Transatlantic flight).
  - a) In the Transfiguration a **limit** or **barrier** was crossed. **It was the crossing the line between the natural & supernatural; between human & divine.**

IV. **Slide11 GOD GIVEN GUIDES (3)** *best pic on Mo & Elijah*

A. **THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS**

B. (4) **Why Moses & Elijah?** [Moses had been dead 1400 years; Elijah 900 years]

1. **Both** these men had previously **conversed w/God** on mountaintops.
  - a) **Moses** on Mnt. Sinai (Ex.31:18). **Elijah** on Mnt. Horeb [Sinai's whole mnt range] *1Kngs19:9*
2. **Both** had been shown **Gods glory**.
3. **Both** represent something: Moses the **Law** and Elijah the **Prophets**.
4. **Both** had amazing **departures** from earth.
5. **Both** had interesting deaths. **Moses died & was buried by God. Elijah was raptured up into heaven in a flaming chariot.**
6. **Both** were talking to **Jesus** about His **decease** (death/departure) Lk.9:31.
  - a) I used to think, **what a theological** conversation that must have been? ...  
**Now** I think, **what a relational** conversation that must have been?
    - (1) When facing the hardest thing in your life, you want **perseverance, encouragement, hope, promises...not** terms & definitions.
    - (2) **His Suffering would not be an accident, but an accomplishment.**
    - (3) They came to encourage Him to **Go On!**
  - b) **And this encouragement helped Jesus to walk the way of the cross.**

- C. Slide12 We learn a lot from them showing up...in thinking of *saints that have died & gone b4 us*
1. They are still the individuals they were - they aren't extinct.
  2. They have continuing personalities - Moses was still Moses. Elijah still Elijah. There was personal identity & recognizable differentiation between them.
  3. They are still human beings - they didn't grow wings, or become angels, they remained human just like Jesus after His res.
  4. They are alive consciously - nothing here of soul sleep, unless they were walking in their sleep...but then the greater miracle for both to be sleep walking at the same time, in the same place, & talking in their sleep about the same thing.
  5. They are in glorified bodies - they can suddenly appear or disappear.
  6. They are similar to, yet different from, the bodies they had - like Jesus' res body, similar in structure, different in texture.
  7. They enjoyed fellowship - here with Jesus.
  8. They were in touch with earth - they were alive to concerns here on earth, especially matters of salvation.

#### V. Slide13a **SUFFERING LEADS TO GLORY (4-13)**

- A. (4) What a great reminder there are times to *NOT DO*.
1. Peter, a man of *action*, always looking for something to *do, say, build*.
    - a) *But*, we must make way for *space in our lives, a time of stillness, contemplation, wonder, adoration, meditation. A time for awed reverence* especially in the presence of the *superior Glory*.
    - b) Zec 2:13 *Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation.*
- B. 3 *tabernacles*/tents – Peter wanted to make the event into *a perpetual Feast of Tabernacles*.
1. Peter went from, *not so Lord* (in regards to his suffering & death) to *let's immortalize this moment of Glory*.
  2. Peter was saying, *Let's stay on this mnt of glory, & not go to Jerusalem & die*.
    - a) (Pete) Now that's how I like my Messiah, *a glorified one, not a dead one!*
  3. We like our heroes *bright, shiny, strong, w/capes, who can fly*.
    - a) *But suffering leads to glory.*

(1) Peter emphasizes this in 1Pet.1:6-8,11.

(2) So I guess Peter, **deity & death are not irreconcilable after all.**

(3) They are not a **contradiction**, but a **consistency**. *A means to a great end.*

4. I don't think Peter wanted to go back down to **the common things** again after he saw the glory. [Nacho: *Don't you want a little taste of the glory, to see what it tastes like?*]

5. Slide13b Barclay, *The moment of glory does not exist for its own sake, it exist to clothe the common things with a sheen & a radiance they never had before.*

a) Was a job of hewing out small limestone caves for dead bodies important?

b) Imagine just 1 man in that 1st cent, lazy & tired 1 day at work & sloughing off on just this one tomb in Jerusalem. What if he would've made it just a little bit shorter. Or chiseled a weak shelf that wouldn't support a body.

c) But who ended up viewing his work? Only...the son of God, 2 angels, the apostles, the women. And if we have the right tomb today, hundreds of thousands of people still view it monthly.

d) Slide14 Martin Luther King Jr. *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven & earth will pause to say, Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well*

(1) Be faithful in the common things, we can't live in glory yet...but it's coming.

C. Lk.9:32 *But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.*

1. What a **snapshot of humanity being glorified.**

2. For that brief moment they saw Him as **the heavenly Lord.**

a) Heb.1:1 **God**, who at various times and in various ways **spoke** in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom** also He made the worlds; who **being the brightness of His glory & the express image of His person.**

D. Slide15a Different Glory

1. **Moses Glory** – Ex.33 Moses' face shone with **Reflected** glory.

2. **Slide15b Jesus Glory** – Christ **didn't reflect** the brightness of divine glory, **but** His glory **is** the brightness of divine glory.

a) Jesus didn't **reflect** light but was *the source* of light.

b) This is the glory He willingly veiled...for us.

(1) *At crucial moments the splendor of Jesus' deity burst through the cloak of His humanity.* R.C.Sproul

c) This was an **open display** for the disciples to see **Jesus' glory** that He had **before** the Incarnation & **also** a **foreshadowing** of Jesus' resurrection & return.

d) Jn.17:5 **Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.**

(1) This was His own glory showing through.

(a) **Not just** a reflection, **not just** His clothes. This showed plainly His *divinity...glory from within.*

3. **Slide15c Our Future Glory** – What is it? What is, us being glorified?

a) We are promised, on Paul's *golden chain of redemption* in Rom.8:30 **whom He predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He **called**, these He also **justified**; and whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

b) Written in the **past tense** because *the final step is so certain*, **that** in God's eyes, it is as good as finished/complete.

c) **Did you know our glory is just like Jesus Glory** – Phil.3:20 **For our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **who will transform our** lowly body **that** it may be **conformed to His** glorious body.

(1) Jn.17:22 (Jesus to Father) **I have given them the glory that you gave me.**

E. **Slide16 So**, our **nature** will be made whole. Our **heart** will be set free. Our **sin** completely eradicated. The **possibility of sinning** forever extinguished. It will not be fleeting, **but permanent**.

F. **Slide17a (5) Now the Father Gives Course Confirmation.**

1. Earlier Jesus had *the 2 greats* from Israel as His encouragement, **but now the very voice of the Father** came to Him telling Him that He was *on the right way, the right path...and that He was well pleased by His course/life.*

- G. Slide17b A bright cloud (the Shekinah Glory) was often used to represent *the presence of Almighty God*.
1. **Ex:** at the giving of the Law. At the Tabernacle & later the Temple. Here. At His Ascension. And later at His Return. [Heb. *Kabod* - Gk. *doxa*]
  2. It is been **600 years** since anyone seen *the Shekinah glory of God*.
- H. Slide17c Hear Him - **Hearing** God's word is more important than *seeing* Gods signs.
1. The father **didn't say**, *This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased*, **see this sign**. No, **hear Him**.
    - a) Peter never forgot **hearing** this spectacular event. 2 Pet. 1:17,18 **For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: *This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* & we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.**
    - b) **But** let's not diminish **seeing** this spectacular event..John never forgot **seeing** it. Jn.1:14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**
  2. **All 3 men needed to hear this: James** was the 1st to die. **John** was to suffer persecution on Patmos. **Peter** experienced many occasions of suffering & would end up giving his life for Christ.
  3. The Father interrupted Peter to remind him...**Hear HIM!**
    - a) **Hear Him** in route to **Jerusalem**. **Hear Him** through the **suffering**. **Hear Him to the cross...hear Him**.
    - b) **We** also need to **hear** from Him in **His Word**. *As we look into the Word of God, we see the Son of God, & are transfigured by the Spirit of God, into the glory of God.*