

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Luke 9:28-36, Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:1-10

“and He
went up
on the
mountain
to pray”

- ❖ He wasn't seeking the glory that the transfiguration would bring Him
 - ❖ He would even warn apostles against talking about it (Matt 18:9)
 - ❖ Jesus was called “Son of God” by demons, enemies, disciples, rulers, and God... but rarely Himself.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

(1 Peter 5:6-7)

- ❖ Comforted by angels after the temptation – Matt 4:11
- ❖ Comforted by Moses & Elijah approaching Jerusalem – Lk 9:31
- ❖ Strengthened by an angel in the Garden – Lk 22:43

“Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep.”

WHY WOULD THEY BE OVERCOME AND NOT JESUS?

- ❖ Jesus had been awake as long as them
- ❖ Jesus certainly wasn't any less busy than them
- ❖ This is a pattern they were rebuked for! (see Matt 26:40)

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that **suffering** produces **endurance**, and endurance produces **character**, and character produces **hope**...

(Romans 5:3-4)

SPIRITUAL STAMINA IS A TRAINED TRAIT

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

THE GREATEST MEN IN JEWISH HISTORY WANTED TO TALK TO JESUS ABOUT JESUS

“...were
speaking
of His
departure
which He
was about to
accomplish
at
Jerusalem”

- ❖ Jesus’ “exodus” is more important than Moses’.
- ❖ Jesus’ shining is greater than Moses’ (see Ex 34:29-30)
- ❖ Jesus’ teaching was greater than Moses’ (see Deut 18:15)
- ❖ Elijah was the great prophet to the kings... Jesus would shut the mouth of kings (see Isa 52:13-15)
- ❖ The “Law” and the “Prophets” testified to Jesus

The Law and the Prophets were until John; **since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached**, and everyone forces his way into it. (Luke 16:16)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although **the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it.**

(Romans 3:21)

Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitness of His majesty... and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.” (2 Pet 1:16-18)