

Day 17

Read: St. Luke 9: 28-36

“A Close Look At Jesus”

About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

-Luke 9:28-29

Insight Into The Word: Background

There is no greater joy on the Christian journey than to have an invitation from God, to get alone with Him, and to see what no one else has had the privilege to see. Every now and then when we pray, God has a way of revealing Himself to His children so that they can have the assurance of knowing that He is really God.

In this passage, Jesus is showing Peter, John, and James what they can look forward to when they pray. He gives them a deeper glimpse into His deity.

We live in a fallen world. There are times in my life that mess with my mind, and that is when I need to pray so that I can see Jesus like I have never seen Him before. When I retreat to pray, I need to be reminded that God is God and that He has the power to help me through the difficult stuff in life. I need to be reminded that when I call on Him, He will meet me in the secret place and reveal Himself to me like I have never seen Him before.

For the disciples, they do not know it fully yet, but Calvary is coming, and it is going to change the world. They do not know it yet, but they will run when the soldiers come for Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Difficult times will come for the disciples too, but Jesus gives them this glimpse of His true glory beforehand. We can also take encouragement in this. Even though we may face difficulties and trials in the future, we can rest in the truth that God is still in control, He is full of glory, and He is more powerful than any situation we face in this world.

Things to Ponder:

What difficulty are you facing right now?

How does the truth of God's glory encourage you?