

He was Transfigured Before Them

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"And after six days Jesus took with Himself Peter, and James, and John, and lead them up onto a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. And His clothing became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. (and His face did shine as the sun [Matt. 17:2](#)) And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; (if You will) let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' For he did not know what to say; for they were sorely afraid. (And while he yet spoke, behold,) there was a (bright) cloud that overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My Beloved Son, (in whom I am well pleased); listen to Him.' (And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sorely afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid.' [Matt. 17:6-7](#)) And suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no man any more, except Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, He (*Jesus*) charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." ([Mark 9:2-9](#) with excerpts from Matthew)

Transfigured: from the Greek word *metemorphothe* a verb which means: he-was-transfigured, or he-was-transformed; from *metamorphoo* which means: to change form; to transform; metamorphosis! "Signifies a profound transformation or change in form. In the New Testament, it is used to describe both physical and spiritual transformations. The term implies a change that is not merely superficial but involves an essential alteration in nature or character." From *meta*: properly: with (or after with), implying "a change afterward" (in context meaning "change") And from *morphe*: meaning "form" or "shape"). Usage: the verb *morphoo* is used in the New Testament to describe the process of forming or shaping something. It often conveys the idea of an inward transformation or the development of a particular character or nature. In a spiritual context, it refers to the formation of Christ's character within believers (see [2 Corinthians 3:18](#)).

The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain was so profoundly 'glorious' that His three disciples were utterly overcome with fear. And when God the Father spoke, they fell to the ground and hid their eyes from the radiant Glory that shone forth from their Master Jesus! The transfiguration of Jesus was a foresight of the Divine Glory that Jesus now has at the Right Hand of His Father in Heaven. The apostle John who witnessed this transfiguration of Christ Jesus would again see Jesus in His Divine Glory! Please consider the following from the book of Revelation:

"I John, who also is your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last; and what you see, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.' And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden lamp-stands; and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands someone like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden sash. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice was as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw him, I fell at His feet as dead! And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First and the Last! I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen! and I have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.'" ([Revelation 1:9-19](#))

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In the Revelation visions, John would next see Jesus 'transfigured' into a new 'form' – that of the Lamb of God who was slain in order to redeem people back to God; (see [John 1:29](#)). Please also consider the following:

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes**, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And **He** (Jesus the Lamb) came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat upon the Throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, '**You are worthy to take the book**, and to open the seals of it: for **You were slain, and have redeemed us to God in Your blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and has made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels around about the Throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, '**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!' And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, 'Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto **Him** who sits upon the throne, **and unto the Lamb** forever and ever!' And the four beasts said, “Amen!” And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped **Him** who lives forever and ever.” ([Revelation 5:6-14](#))

And John also saw the following transfiguration of Jesus coming as a conquering King:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold **a white horse**; and **He** (Jesus) who sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness **He** does judge and make war. **His eyes were as a flame of fire**, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but **He Himself**. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His Name is called **The Word of God**. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations. And He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His clothing and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**." ([Revelation 19:11-16](#))

This fulfills the prophetic Word:

“Behold, **He** comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see **Him**, and those also who pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth **shall wail** because of Him. Even so, Amen! ([Revelation 1:7](#))

Jesus Himself said, “And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of Man** in Heaven; and then shall **all the tribes of the earth mourn**, and they shall see the **Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and Great Glory**. And **He** shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together **His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” ([Matthew 24:30-31](#))

Please now consider the following prayer of Jesus to His Father in Heaven:

“These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; **glorify Your Son**, so that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given **Him** power over all flesh, so that **He** should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given to **Him**. And this is Life Eternal, that they might know **You the only True God, and Jesus Christ**, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You gave **Me** to do. And now, O Father, **Glorify Me with Your Own Self** with **the Glory which I had with You** before the world existed.” ([John 17:1-5](#))

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What that Glory fully looks like it does not say, except that it implies the most glorious Devine 'Glory' imaginable !! It also speaks of a transfiguration of a different sort: a transfiguration from the state of the most glorious Devine 'Glory' imaginable, to the very very low state of a human infant born in an animal barn, and destined to die on a Cross! Please consider the following:

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the (glorious) **form of God**, thought it not robbery **to be Equal with God**; but **made Himself of no reputation**, and **took upon Himself the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found **in fashion as a man**, **He Humbled Himself**, and became obedient **unto death**, even **the death of the Cross**. Therefore God also **has highly exalted Him**, and given Him a name which is above every name; so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the Glory of God the Father.**” ([Philippians 2:5-11](#))

With this in mind, please consider the following Transformational Contrasts:

Jesus came down to earth, as an infant, born in an obscure animal stable -- but now reigns in Glory as King of kings, and Lord of lords over the earth and heaven forever !!

Jesus lived without material possessions on earth -- but now has received power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing forever !!

Jesus was constantly harassed by His adversaries -- but will someday cast them into a lake of fire !!

Jesus was despised and rejected by the rulers of Israel -- but now the angels and hosts of heaven bow down and worship Him !!

Jesus was nailed to a cross on Calvary's hill -- but Rose from the dead, and will visibly come again with Power and great Glory !!

John's final vision of the transfigured Jesus was as follows:

“And I saw no Temple therein: **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it**. And **the city** had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it: **for the Glory of God did illuminate it, and the Lamb is the Lamp of it**. And the nations of those who are saved **shall walk in the Light of it**; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.” ([Revelation 21:22-27](#))

Jesus was Transfigured Before Peter, James, and John

His face did shine as the sun !
His clothing became shining, exceeding white as snow !
His Father said: “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased !!”

In the Revelation Vision...
...His eyes were as a flame of fire !
His voice was as the sound of many waters !
Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword !
His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength !

Jesus, for all those who believe in You ...
... You are the Lamb of God who was slain for our redemption from sin !!
'Worthy are You to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
and honor, and glory, and blessings !! Forever and Ever ! Amen! and Amen!