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| **A Glimpse of Glory**  *Promise: present sufferings will be compensated by the glory to come* Pastor Timothy A. Duesenberg Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36 (Transfiguration of Our Lord), 3/2/25)  *And as [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.* – v. 29  **Lead In –** Our Lord Jesus took three of His disciples up on the mountain. He did so that they might pray. And as Jesus was praying, we learn that Peter and those who were with him, namely James and John, that they were heavy with sleep. If that describes you this morning in this place of prayer, you might take some comfort that you are in distinguished company. And this is not the only time this threesome will have trouble staying awake when they are supposed to be praying. It will happen too in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus will question them “Could you not watch one hour?” But as Jesus’ visage was suddenly altered so that it shone in terrifying glory, they became fully awake as they were provided a glimpse of glory.   1. **It Is Worth Taking Notice of the Timing Here**    1. What had been said about 8 days earlier…    2. Date chosen to commemorate this feast day…    3. A fitting end to the Season of the Epiphany… 2. **Wouldn’t We All Want to Remain on the Mountain**    1. For you Lord of the Rings fans… Gandalf the White…    2. Jesus must get on with the unexpected work…    3. Disciples are to follow the path that Jesus takes… 3. **The Glimpse Fortifies Our Reliance on God’s Word**    1. The voice at Jesus’ baptism now affirms Jesus’ voice…    2. Above all else, disciples listen to Him…    3. Peter will later speak of what matters, a shining lamp…   **Final Word –** Concerning glimpses… Not all are provided with glimpses of transcendent glory. Only three of the twelve were provided the glimpse on the Mountain. And the three that did kept silent about it in those days. Whereas not all have such glimpses, access has been given to all to hear the voice of the Lord. That voice has been preserved in Scripture. And all the baptized have an invitation to receive a foretaste of the glorious feast to come. It is provided in Holy Communion. God comes to us in Word and Sacrament. And we need every bit of this Word, as a lamp shining in a dark place. It will comfort and guide us through our present suffering until we arrive at unimaginable glory awaiting us at Christ’s return.  **Mk 14:37** And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?  **Mt 17:2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.  **Lk 9:20** Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”  **Lk 9:21-22** And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”  **Lk 9:23** And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” | **Luke 9:28-36 ESV**  *The Transfiguration*  28Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” 36And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.  **Mt 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.  **Jn 15:20** Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.  **Jn 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”  **Lk 3:21-22** Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”  **2Pe 1:16-21** For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.  **Ro 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. |