

# Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-21; John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Rev. 1:16, ESV  
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## I. The Glory They Saw

*“His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.”  
(Matthew 17:2, ESV)*

*“...Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” (Philippians 2:5-7, ESV)*

*“This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.” (Matthew 17:5, ESV)*

## II. The Difficulties & Challenges That Followed

\*Peter \*James \*John

## III. The Testimony That Endured

### ***Christ’s Glory and the Prophetic Word***

*16 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. 17 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,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 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, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 21 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. (2 Peter 1:16-21, ESV)*

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, ESV)*

## IV. How the Transfiguration Strengthened Them

- 1. It gave Peter confidence after his failure.***
- 2. It gave James courage in death.***
- 3. It shaped John’s lifelong witness.***

*“His face was like the sun shining in full strength...” (Revelation 1:16, ESV)*

## V. What This Means for Us

***We have: The testimony of Scripture, The witness of the apostles and The Word of God made more sure!***

***So, Listen***

***to Him: 1. When You fail.***

***2. When you suffer.***

***3. When you are called to a long faithfulness.***

### **THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP**

#### **1. Daily “Listen to Him” Time (10 Minutes a Day)**

Set aside 10 minutes each day to read a short passage from the Gospels.

Ask: What is Jesus saying here?

Pray: Lord, help me listen and obey. Keep it simple—but consistent!

#### **2. Identify One Area to Trust Christ More Fully**

Ask yourself: Where am I struggling right now?

Failure? Fear? Weariness? Bring that area to Christ in prayer.

Choose one step of obedience or trust. Not everything at once—just one clear step this week!