

PREVIEW OF CHRIST'S RETURN  
(Matthew 17:1-13)

- I. The TRANSFORMATION of the Son (Matt. 17:1-2)
  - A. “His FACE shone like the SUN”
  - B. “His GARMENTS became as WHITE as LIGHT”
  - C. He provided a GLIMPSE of His own DIVINE GLORY
- II. The PARTICIPATION of the Saints (Matt. 17:3-4)
  - A. MOSES and ELIJAH “appeared to them, TALKING with Him”
    - 1. Moses led Israel in their EXODUS from Egypt (cf. Lk. 9:31)
    - 2. Elijah would PREPARE Messiah’s COMING (cf. Mal. 4:5-6)
    - 3. Both had been used of God to pronounce JUDGMENT for UNBELIEF
    - 4. They were affirming Jesus’ IDENTITY and His PLAN
  - B. Peter MISUNDERSTOOD
    - 1. Said, “It is GOOD for us to be HERE”: may mean there’s no need to go to Jerusalem to DIE
    - 2. Offers to erect separate tabernacles for JESUS, MOSES, and ELIJAH: effectively DIMINISHING Christ
- III. The AFFIRMATION of the Father (Matt. 17:5-6)
  - A. “They were OVERSHADOWED by a BRIGHT cloud”

- B. The Father SPOKE
    - 1. Identified Jesus as “My BELOVED SON”
    - 2. Affirmed that with Him “I am WELL-PLEASED”
    - 3. Commanded, “LISTEN to HIM!”
  - C. The disciples FELL on their FACES in TERROR
- IV. The CONFIRMATION for the Disciples (Matt. 17:7-9)
- A. Jesus came to ENCOURAGE them
  - B. They were ALONE with JESUS
  - C. They were commanded to KEEP what they’d SEEN to THEMSELVES
    - 1. Confirmed it had REALLY HAPPENED
    - 2. Permitted reporting it AFTER His RESURRECTION
- V. The EXPLANATION for the Future (Matt. 17:10-13)
- A. The three had expected ELIJAH to come BEFORE Messiah
  - B. Jesus AFFIRMED their expectation was CORRECT (Mal. 4:5-6)
    - 1. Said, “Elijah IS COMING...”
    - 2. Adds, “Elijah ALREADY CAME”
    - 3. Said He also would “SUFFER AT THEIR HANDS”
  - C. The disciples realized He was talking about JOHN THE BAPTIST