

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: THE MOMENTOUS TRANSFIGURATION

Main Text: Mat 17:1-13

Sermon Description: If a picture was ever worth infinite words... it would certainly be the snapshot of this moment in Christ’s earthly ministry. The significance of the Mount of Transfiguration event can only be understated by any post-canonical commentary. It seems this paramount scene of heavenly majesty was burned into the consciousness of the author of Hebrews as he exalts the Godhead in His matchless prologue (Heb 1:1-4) John as well, quite probably has this moment indelibly in mind as he opens his gospel with ethereal resplendence. At the mount of transfiguration, the unveiled magnificence of incarnational realities are glimpsed by a privileged few. May our own eyes be opened by the Spirit's illuminating grace through the Holy Word of God. The symbolic power of this occasion is weighty, staggering, and prophetic. May the paradigm-shattering effects of this account in the gospel move His disciples today as they did the hearts and minds of the first wave of commissioned elect.

HEADING: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION EVENT RELATIVE TO 4 CONTEXTUAL PERSPECTIVES (in 2 messages)...

1. COUNTERREACTION OF THE DISCIPLES (note the order of consideration is from the lesser to the greater in these messages)

- a. Prescriptive vs. impulsive worship (4)
- b. A gospel shaped experience (5-8)
- c. First principles of understanding (9-13)

2. CHRIST'S MINISTRY ARC

- a. Calvary predestined (16:21, 17:9, 17:22-23)
- b. Counterintuitive kingdom (Mt 4:8-11)
- c. Commission credentials (John 21:14, II Peter 1:16-18)

Conclusion: Our impulse upon hearing these accounts might first be: “I guess you would have to be there to fully appreciate the moment”. However, Peter himself corrects this reaction and uses the experience of the transfiguration as an illustration to emphasize a superior means of grace! The Word of God – sovereignly preserved, living, active, and powerful with no shelf life!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Worship	Theme: Gospel experience	Theme: understanding	Theme: predestined	Theme: True kingdom	Theme: testimony
Verses: Mt 17:1-5	Verses: 5-8	Verses: 9-13	Verses: 16:21, 17:9, 17:22-23	Verses: 4:8-11	Verses: II Pet 1:16-18