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The Prophecy Fulfilled

The Great Question...



- “The Christ, the Son of the Living God”
- Take up your cross, lose you life and follow Me!
- The Kingdom of God is based on this...
- Some standing here... Son of Man in His Kingdom
- And 6 days later...

A Mountain top....



- How many events take place on a mountain?
 - Why does this call to our heart?
 - Looking up is an attitude and focus...
- Peter, James and John... the inner circle
 - “*took, *brought” – what is Matthew saying here?
 - He was not one of them, but...



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Jesus revealed



- Light and shining... Revelation 1:1-18
 - John will remember this...
 - Moses and Elijah? Law and Prophets...
- Peter... which one?
 - “It is good for us to be here...”
 - We can build you ... tents??? Why....???

Building memorials



- Peter wanted to make permanent
 - Time for the kingdom...
 - God had a better idea... **GLORY!**
 - “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased: listen to Him!”
 - Law, prophets, miracles, only Jesus remains!

Responses



- Fear and hiding...
- Jesus came to them, touched them...
 - “Stop being afraid”... tenderness in these times...
 - Tell no one... until I am risen... promise and prophecy!
- Elijah and John...they were confused... suffer?
 - John’s ministry had no miracles, no signs... “Behold...”

Jesus Sought...



- They come down, father comes...
 - A demonized boy – epilepsy, demons tend to heighten, aggravate and emphasize weakness, suicidal... fire/water
 - “they could not...” why?
 - “unbelieving – *apistos*
 - “perverted” – *diastrepho* – distort, turn away Acts 13:8, 10

How long...



- Jesus struggled with the : (vs. 17)
 - Lack of understanding
 - Lack of applying
 - Lack of life-style
- Bring him, rebuked, cured!

Why could we...



- Why had we failed?
 - They had cast out demons prior to this...
 - *said – littleness of your faith... in Me, in yourselves!
 - Mustard seeds...
 - Vs 21; Mark 9:29 – “by prayer.”
 - However we see this, it **MUST** be about Jesus...

Re-focus...



- This revelation could have:
 - Kept them from the Cross focus...
 - So, Jesus reminds them!
- Back to Galilee ~
 - I will be killed and raised on the 3rd day...
 - Grieved? Col 3:1-4