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Topic: Life of Christ: Seeing the Kingdom of God

Scripture text: Mark 9:1-10

1. Only three disciples, Peter, James and John, had the privilege and opportunity to see the Lord Jesus Christ's transfiguration. Peter would be the leader of the new Jerusalem church. James would be the first Apostle to be martyred. John would be the last to die. These three disciples had much to bear. Therefore, the Lord Jesus allowed them to see His transfiguration to strengthen them. It was to assure them of the kingdom of God so that they would not doubt, but would persevere and serve faithfully.

2. The disciples saw the Lord Jesus' humanity by sight and deity by faith. At the transfiguration, they saw both the Lord Jesus' deity and humanity by sight. They saw who the Lord Jesus really was - fully of glory. After His ascension, believers would see both the Lord Jesus' deity and humanity by faith. Seeing Elijah and Moses would encourage them that the Lord Jesus was not just glorious but had power of life after death.

3. Peter said something foolish because he did not know what to say. He missed the point that earth was not a permanent dwelling place but believers would go to heaven. Therefore, he should not suggest building tabernacles for the Lord Jesus, Elijah and Moses. They also heard God the Father approving the Lord Jesus as His beloved Son. All these would strengthen their faith to be holy witnesses for the Lord Jesus in time to come.