

The Incomparable Christ

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Chapter 14 -- The Transfiguration of Christ

Why were only three of the disciples allowed to be present for the transfiguration?

THEY WERE THE THREE WHO WERE MOST WILLING TO PAY THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP. [LAST SENTENCE ON P. 146 CONTINUING TO P. 147]

What application does the author make from the answer to the above question?

WE ARE AS CLOSE TO CHRIST AS WE DESIRE TO BE [P. 147, 1ST PARTIAL ¶, LAST SENTENCE]

What were two purposes for this interlude?

1) CHRIST RECEIVED FRESH ASSURANCE OF HIS APPROVAL BY THE FATHER. 2) THE DISCIPLES WERE ASSURED THAT CHRIST'S WORDS ABOUT HIS DEATH WERE NOT EMPTY [P. 147, 3RD PARTIAL ¶]

What about Christ was manifested by the transfiguration?

HIS ESSENTIAL DEITY. [P. 148, 1ST FULL ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What two things did Moses and Elijah do for the disciples?

1) THEY INTERPRETED THE EVENT FOR DISCIPLES (THAT CHRIST WAS PREEMINENT), 2) THEY WERE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE GRAVE IS NOT THE END. [P. 148, 2ND FULL ¶]

What three things were the disciples privileged to see?

1) A VISION OF CHRIST'S GLORY, [P. 148, LAST PARTIAL ¶]
2) A VISION OF CHRIST'S CROSS, [P. 150, 1ST SENTENCE]
3) A VISION OF CHRIST'S COMING [P. 151, 2ND FULL ¶]

What sort of change occurred in Christ?

THE OUTWARD CHANGE WAS AN INDICATION OF AN INWARD CHANGE. [P. 149, 2ND FULL ¶, 4TH SENTENCE]

With what act does the author connect the glory that was reflected?

PRAYER. [P. 149, LAST FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What was the topic of conversation among Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?

CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION. [P. 150, 1ST FULL ¶]

What Old Testament event best represents Christ's redemptive work?

THE EXODUS. [P. 150, 1ST FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What reason does the author assume was the purpose for the appearance of Moses and Elijah as opposed to other Old Testament saints?

MOSES & ELIJAH REPRESENTED THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. [P. 150, LAST PARTIAL ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

To what future event does the transfiguration point? Summarize the similarities.

CHRIST'S RETURN; COMES WITH POWER AND GLORY, THE DEAD IN CHRIST MEET HIM, THOSE WHO ARE ALIVE WILL ALSO MEET HIM. [P. 151, 2ND - 4TH FULL ¶]

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aorist tense -- a verb tense which is equivalent to the English past tense

celestial -- heavenly

emanating -- flowing from, originating in

intermediate -- bypass, out of the way

nocturnal -- night

perpetuated -- continued, repeated

radiant -- brilliant light

translucent -- transparent

vie -- compete