

The Triumphant Messiah

God reveals to His church, the preeminent authority of His Son
Matthew 17:1-8

- I. Introduction: Christmas and the Transfiguration
- II. vs 1-2: The Transfiguration: An earnest for a future promise
 - The Transfiguration answers Jesus' promise to the disciples in 16:28
 - An outward transformation that reveals Jesus' inner nature (Jn 8:12)
 - This is the Father's disclosure of Jesus' nature (2 Peter 1:16-18)
 - The glory of the Transfiguration balances the suffering of the cross
 - An historical reality where the disciples are transported in time
- III. vs 3: A friendly conversation with Moses and Elijah
 - The friendly exchange demonstrates the continuity of the Old and New Covenants
 - But who exercises the supreme and final authority for God's people?
- IV. vs 4: Peter's interruption ruins a great moment
 - Peter and the church's "*edifice complex*"
 - Syncretism* – Christ as just one of many gods
- V. vs 5: God interrupts Peter to answer the question on who has the final authority
 - God wants to be sure that we know how much His Son means to Him
 - With Christ's imputed righteousness, we too are pleasing to the Father
 - God tells the church: "*Listen to Him!*" How do we obey this command?
- VI. vs 6-7: Our fall and Jesus' Gospel touch
- VII. vs 8: Now and forever it's "*only Jesus*" (Solus Christus)