

The Apostles See Jesus' Glory

Luke – the Acts of Jesus

Luke 9:28-36

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REMEMBERING THE CONTEXT OF LUKE'S GOSPEL

God's Revelation of Himself

- The Creation tells us He is there. Ro 1:18-20
- The Scripture tells us Who He is. Gen 1; Ps 139:13*f.*; Ps 19; Heb 1:1-3
 - In the OT: In various ways (angels, signs and wonders, visions, prophets)
 - In the NT: in various ways (angels; signs, miracles, visions, words of the apostles, prophets, and Jesus, the Christ; Son of the Living God)

God's Judgment Regarding Sin

- The bookends
 - Genesis 1 & 2 – The Creation Before the Fall
 - Revelation 21 & 22 – The Creation of the New Heaven and Earth
- The in-between
 - The origin of sin in mankind
 - The consequences of sin
 - Repentance to God, the path to forgiveness from sin
 - Mankind's rejection of God, and murder of the Son of God
 - God's foolishness is greater than man's wisdom
 - The rejection of God is, if possible, a greater sin because we have the record of God's provision of the gift of salvation

God's Reward for the Faithful

- Those who place their faith in God's mercy and promises find it reckoned unto them as righteousness.
 - This faith is marked by actions that demonstrate it
 - Abel, Abraham, the Jewish remnant of believers, Gentiles who believe (Ninevah, Naaman, Ruth)
- The Gospel is the “power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” (Ro 1:16)

The Seed, the Second Adam, the Sacrificial Lamb

- The Seed promised to Eve (Gen 3:15)
- The Perfect Sacrifice, previously seen only in the pictures of the OT sacrificial system (He 9:11-28)
 - The Passover Lamb
- The Son of David (Rev 5:5; Lk 1:32) and yet David's Lord (Lk 20:41-44)
- Sin entered through Adam, Life entered through the Second Adam (Ro 5:12-19)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 1

- Testimony
 - of angels (1:11-17; 26-33; 2:9-14)
 - of Zacharias (1:76-79)
 - Of Elizabeth (1:41-45)
 - OF Mary (1:46-55)
 - The Shepherds (2:15-20)
 - Of Simeon (2:25-35)
 - Of Anna 2:36-38)
 - Of Jesus, himself (2:49)
 - Of the Father and the Holy Spirit (3:21-22)
 - Of John the Baptist (3:15-17)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 2

- Jesus' Genealogy (3:23-38)
- OT Prophecy (4:16-21)
- The Divine authority of His preaching (4:32)
- His Power
 - Over Satan (4:1-13)
 - Over demons (4:33-36, 41)
 - Over disease (4:38-40; 5:12-15, 17-25; 6:10)
 - Over the natural world (5:4-9)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 3

- His authority to forgive sin (5:20-25)
- His authority over the Sabbath (6:1-11)
- The authority of His teaching (6:20-49)
- His authority over disease...even at a distance
– Centurion's servant (7:1-10)
- His authority over death – widow's son at Nain (7:11-17)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 4

- His fulfilment of OT prophecy concerning His ministry – Is 35:5; 61:1 (7:18-24)
- His authority to forgive sin – the woman who anointed His feet with perfume (7:36-50)
- The authority in His parables – fulfilment of OT prophecy – Is 6:9 (8:4-21; esp. v. 10)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 5

- His authority over the powers of nature – He calmed the wind and waves (8:22-24)
 - NOTE the disciples' question, “Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?”
- His authority over the powers of the spiritual realm – The Gerasene demoniac/demons (8:26-39)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 6

- His authority over disease, even though unseen – the woman with the hemorrhage that wouldn't stop (8:43-48)
- His authority to raise the dead – Jairus' daughter (8:40-41; 49-56)
- His authority to share His authority with whomever He wills – the ministry of the 12 (9:1-10)

Proofs that Jesus is God, the Son, 7

- His compassion on the crowds, and His authority to create whatever He wills – the feeding of the 5,000+ (9:11-17)
- His correct foretelling of His death and resurrection (9:18-22)
 - NOTE – Prophetic fulfilments...often a distant prophecy was accompanied by a nearer prophecy that would serve to assure of the distant fulfilment
- His revelation of His glory (9:27-36)

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THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Israel Has Seen God's Glory

- In the Exodus from Egypt – Ex 13:21-22
- When Israel complained – 16:6-7, 9-10
- When the Law was given – 24:15-18
- When Aaron's line was ordained – Lv 9:23
- When the tabernacle was completed – Ex 40:34-38

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- At Israel's rebellion – Nu 14:10
- At Korah's rebellion – 16:19, 42
- At the complaint concerning lack of water at Meribah – 20:6
- At the completion of the temple – 1 Ki 8:10-11
- To Ezekiel – Ezk 1:28; 3:23; 10:4, 18; 11:23

Other OT Manifestations

- Job had apparently seen God's glory – Jb 26, esp. v. 14
- Moses plead to see God in His glory – Ex 33:17-23
 - Later God met face-to-face w/Moses – Nu 7:89; Ex 33:11; 34:29-35

Jesus – the Fullest Manifestation of God's Glory

- He is the exact representation of God's nature – Heb 1:1-3
- He is the Lord of Glory – 1 Co 2:8; 2:Co 4:3-6
- He is the glorious Lord – Jas 2:1
- The Transfiguration is a preview of His imminent return in His full glory – Mt 24:29-30; 25:31

The Humility and the Glory

- Jesus' 1st coming was as a humble servant, yielding His life for the salvation of others
- Jesus' return will be in His full glory to claim those whom He saved
 - His return will be sudden, unexpected and overwhelming – Lk 12:40; 17:24-30; 18:8
 - His glory will be seen by all – Lk 9:26; 21:27, 36

The Near and the Far Prophecies

- Far – I will be put to death and rise again the third day – Lk 9:22
 - Possible inclusion of suffering of the apostles – 9:23*f*.
- Far – I will return in my glory – 9:26
 - Many still scoff at Jesus' promised return – 2 Pe 3:4
- Near – some of you will see my glory – 9:27

The Scene is Set – 9:28

- Eight days* later, Jesus took Peter, John and James to the mountain to pray – 9:28
 - This is to fulfill the OT requirements that evidence requires 2 or 3 witnesses for corroboration – Deut 19:15; cf. Mt 18:16; 2 Co 13:1; 1 Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28
- No doubt, the disciples were in great distress
 - Jesus had to rebuke Peter’s lack of understanding
 - Cf. 9:22-24; Mt 16:22-23; Mk 8:32-33
 - Their faith would have been greatly shaken

The Son In His Glory – 9:29

- Jesus was μεταμορφώω, metamorphosis transformed – Mt 17:2
 - His face λάμπω, lampo, radiated light, produced light, as a star or constellation produces light
 - His clothing εξαστράπτω, exastrapto, reflected or gave off a very bright light, to dazzle, to glisten
- The flesh that covered His glory was peeled back for a moment – cf. Php 2:8; 2 Pe 1:16
 - At His return, the flesh will no longer conceal His glory – Mt 16:27; 25:31

The Saints In His Kingdom – 9:30*f*.

- Behold...“not only this, but” ...two men – 9:30*f*.
 - They had glorified bodies – Php 3:20*f*.
 - They were recognizable – we will retain our identities in heaven
- Where could these men have come from, except from heaven?
- They were discussing Jesus’ nearing departure from earth – hence, the suffering and death were not coincidental, but were integral in God’s plan
 - The leading of a new ***Exodus***?, this one from sin and death?

Why Moses & Elijah?

- Both had unusual departures from the world
 - Michael and Satan fought for Moses' body – Jude 9; cf. Deut 34:6
 - Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind by a chariot of fire and horses of fire – 2 Ki 11
- Both were witnesses Israel would trust
 - Moses, Israel's greatest leader (Gen – Deut)
 - Elijah, Israel's greatest prophet, one of only two men to not have seen death (along with Enoch)

Why Moses & Elijah?

- Moses represented the Law
- Elijah represented the Prophets
- Moses *gave* the Law – e.g., Jos 8:31...
- Elijah *guarded* the Law – Mt Carmel, 1 Ki 18:19-40

The Disciples Sleepiness – 9:32

- The disciples had fallen into a deep sleep
 - Βαρέομαι ὑπνω, bareomai hupno, carried away by sleep
- It must have been quite a shock, but very quickly, they came fully awake and saw everything – 9:32
- They ***SAW HIS GLORY***, and the two men

Their Sleepy Suggestion – 9:33

- Let them join us in the Feast of Tabernacles
 - It is being celebrated right now to commemorate Israel's departure from Egypt
 - It will be celebrated in the Millennial Kingdom – Zech 14:16-19
 - Elijah is associated with the coming of the Messiah – Mal 3:1; 4:5f.
- Maybe this will put Jesus back in His right mind – cf. Ac 1:6

Peter's Lack of Understanding

- This was not the initiation of Jesus' earthly and glorious kingdom – cf. Ac 1:6
- The crown comes after the cross
- The Servant of God must first suffer – Is 53
- The One who suffered will return as the Glorious King

AND YET

- For the rest of their lives, this event would assure them of Jesus' coming kingdom – 2 Pe 1:16-18

God's Revelation – 9:34

- God interrupted Peter with His νεφέλη, nefela glory
- Luke and Matthew both used a word that refers back to the cloud that led and followed the Israelites in the wilderness
- They understood the cloud to be God's glory
- The cloud enveloped them on the mountain
- They were afraid and fearful

God's Declaration – 9:35

- A voice came out of the cloud
 - The disciples fell to the ground in terror – Mt 17:6
- “This is My Son, My Chosen One...” – cf., 3:22
- “...Listen to Him.”
 - Quit trying to argue with what He tells you to do, or what He tells you is yet to come

The Ensuing Silence – 9:36

- Jesus raised them up and calmed them – Mt 17:7
- Jesus also commanded them to silence until after the resurrection – Mt 17:9

Why Not Publish it to the World?

- Before the resurrection, this would seem too far *out there* to believe
 - They would have been feed pearls to pigs – Mt 7:6
- To speak openly might have prematurely aroused Roman opposition
- Such news could have incited the Jews to take Jesus by force to make him leader against the Romans – cf. Jn 6:14*f*.

Why Not Publish it to the World?

- They could not preach a cross-less Christ
- After His resurrection, the assurance of His glory would fit properly and make sense – 2 Pe 1:16-18; Jn 1:14