Sermon Notes for July 9, 2017

The Uniqueness of Jesus


Introduction

Who is Jesus?

In this passage, we will hear the ultimate answer to that question from God the Father himself. There is no one like Jesus.

I. Jesus is unique in his glory. Verses 28-29

Jesus went up on the mountain to pray as was his custom.

The appearance of Jesus’ face changed as his glory shown through and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

The kingdom of God came into our world in the person of Jesus.

“*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*” John 1:14

“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.” John 1:18

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Please as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
John Wesley – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

They saw his glory, the glory of the One and Only God.

II. Jesus is unique in his passion. Verses 30-32

Moses and Elijah

- Both had unusual deaths.
- Both were eschatological figures.
- Both were followed by a Yeshua.
- Jesus is greater than both of them.

They spoke about his departure (his “exodus”).
Just as God chose Moses to deliver the Israelites from their bondage to slavery, so God chose Jesus to deliver us from our bondage to sin.

Jesus died so we could live.

“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” II Corinthians 5:15

III. Jesus is unique in his Sonship. Verses 33-36

Peter said, “Let’s put up three shelters.”

While he was speaking, a cloud enveloped them and they were afraid.

God the Father, speaking with his own voice said, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

Who is Jesus?

- He is God’s One and Only Son.
- He is the Chosen One, our Savior, the Messiah.
- Listen to him!

The cloud that enveloped them was the Shekinah Glory.

Christ lives in all who open their heart to him and receive him as Savior and Lord.

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27

Conclusion

This event would leave a profound and lasting impression upon Peter.

“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.” II Peter 1:16-18

Jesus is unique in his glory.
Jesus is unique in his passion.
Jesus is unique in his Sonship.

Listen to him!