



### **EYEWITNESSES TO GLORY**

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*Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to Him." – Luke 9:35*

### **JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION**

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READ MATTHEW 17:1-11; MARK 9:2-8; LUKE 9:28-36

The most important events of our lives have a common denominator: We invite people to witness these events with us. When we get married, we choose our closest friends and family members to stand beside us and witness our vows to love and cherish. At the birth of our children, we choose an even smaller group to be present as we bring a new life into the world. The most important times of our lives are in part marked by the people we choose to stand beside us.

Jesus chose his closest disciples – Peter, James and John – to go along with him to the event that has come to be known as The Transfiguration. This was a really important step in Jesus' journey to show the people who he was and why he came.

Though they were sleepy, now fully awake and aware, they saw Jesus in all of his glory. His face was transformed and his clothes were "dazzling white." They even heard God's voice from heaven, telling them that Jesus was his son and that they should listen to him.

The day was quickly coming when Jesus would suffer and die on the cross. The disciples were about to face the most difficult, painful days of their lives. God, in his infinite wisdom, gave these followers of Jesus a moment they would be able to recall and draw strength from in the difficult days ahead. He gave them a glimpse of his glory! And he reminded them that they were a part of a bigger plan and a greater story. And as a result, they were changed.

When we bear witness to important events, it gives us a strength to draw from when times get hard. We can remind ourselves that we, too, are a part of a bigger, greater story. And the end result will be that we not only get to see God's truth and glory, but share in it as well!

### **QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT**

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1. Why is it important to have witnesses to the important events of our lives?
2. How would experiencing The Transfiguration prepare the disciples for Jesus' death?
3. Have you ever experienced God's glory in some way? How did it change you?