**March 18, 2018 “The Transfiguration Part 2” Matthew 16:27-17:13**

As we are approaching Resurrection Sunday, I wanted to try to give you some insight into the minds of the disciples as they are on their way to Jerusalem where Jesus is going to be crucified in just a few short days.

Last week, if you will remember, we discovered that Jesus was entering into a time of intense teaching for His disciples so that they could be prepared not only for the upcoming events but also for the events coming after His resurrection from the dead.

So, the main text with which we are studying really starts in Matthew 16:13. Note the progression:

1. Who do people say I am?
   1. John the Baptist
   2. Elijah
   3. Jeremiah
   4. One of the prophets
2. Who do you say I am?
   1. Peter… “You are the Christ”
   2. That’s right and I am going to build My Church on that fact
   3. I am going to give you the keys
3. I think at that time they were pretty excited about the things Jesus has said
4. Matthew 16:21… things begin to change
   1. I must go to Jerusalem
      1. Suffer many things from the elders, chief priest and scribes
      2. Be killed
      3. Be raised on the third day
5. Peter rebukes Him
   1. Jesus calls him… Satan who is the motivation behind Peter’s statement
   2. Your interests are on you… not on the things of God
6. If you want to have your mind on the things of God
   1. Deny yourself
   2. Take up your cross
   3. Follow Me
7. You want to save your life?
   1. Lose it for Me
   2. What will it profit you if you gain the whole world
      1. Lose that which has eternal value
8. Now at this point
   1. Disciples are saying
      1. This is not what we signed up for
      2. This is not the way it should be
   2. How often don’t we feel the same way?
      1. What’s the use?
         1. Everything I touch turns to garbage
         2. The harder I work the behinder I get
      2. Story of Ole Olson playing for the homeless man
      3. How often don’t we feel like Amazing Grace is being played over the septic tank which is our life?

How many times don’t we too get discouraged in this Christian life? How many times don’t we feel like’ “what’s the use”? How many times don’t we feel like just giving up?

1. The Son of Man is going to come
   1. In the glory of His Father
   2. Going to repay everyone according to his deeds
      1. Note the two-fold aspect of His coming
         1. One is for glory
         2. The other is for judgment
         3. Revelation 10:8-10
            1. Sweet as honey to the believer
            2. Sour as lemons to the unsaved

Importance of works

Evidence of the born-again experience

Romans 2:4-10

One seeking eternal life

Other seeking selfish ambitions

* 1. Some of you are not going to taste death until you see
  2. The Son of what coming in His kingdom
     1. Basileia… in His royal splendor

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   1. 4 views of this passage
      1. Resurrection… when He came out of the grave
         1. Never referred to as “coming”
      2. Acts 2… the day of Pentecost
         1. Who came that day?
      3. AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem
         1. He did not appear to anyone
      4. This is what happens when one is “born again”
         1. That too is an “unseen” event
2. Life changing event
   1. Matthew 17:1-2
      1. Peter
         1. I and II Peter are all about the return of Christ
      2. John
         1. John 1:1-5
         2. John 1:14
         3. II Peter 1:16