**March 25, 2018 “The Transfiguration Part 3” Matthew 17:1-13**

**Luke 9:28-36**

If you were to look on most calendars, you would find a notation on this Sunday. The notation would say, “Palm Sunday” and most services today would be focused on what is called the Triumphal Entry or Palm Sunday when Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey with people throwing palm branches and their robes down before Him crying out “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”.

Oftentimes when I am preparing a sermon for Sunday morning, I try to put myself into the mindset of the non- believer. I do this so I can try to figure out a way to make the message appeal to that person in the hope that they will come to the realization of how wonderful the message of the Cross is. While this may sound noble, I think that is an error on the part of all Pastors who do this, for you see the message on Sunday morning should be first and foremost a message to the people of God that will encourage them in this crazy upside-down world in which we live.

I do not know about you but when I see the insanity of Islam being portrayed as a message of peace by people who should know better and when I see politicians who say they are adamantly against abortion on demand, overwhelmingly vote to give $500 million dollars to an organization obsessed with death… I need to hear from God because I am tired of being lied too and I need to hear the truth of God’s Word proclaimed.

That is why this year, I have decided to forego the traditional path leading toward the resurrection and instead have decided to focus on the things that brought the early Church through the intense times of trouble as the Holy Spirit was changing the world one heart at a time.

1. Matthew 17:1-13
   1. Sister text Luke 9: 28-36
      1. Whenever I hear of the glory of the Lord I think of
         1. Exodus 33… Moses… show me your glory
         2. Exodus 40:34-36
         3. I Kings 8:6-11
            1. Reminiscent of Revelation 21:22-23
            2. John 1:14
            3. II Peter 1:16

When did they see these things?

Matthew 17:1-13

1. The things they saw and the things we should see
   1. 5 things
      1. Deity of Christ
         1. Matthew 17:1-2
            1. This was not an external light

This glory was radiating from Christ Himself

Revelation 1:12-19

Things you

Seen

Which are

Which will come to pass

* + - 1. This is a rendition of who Christ is today
         1. His veil of flesh is gone
         2. His glory is evident
    1. Testimony
       1. Matthew 17:3-4
          1. Moses and Elijah

Old Testament confirming who Jesus is

Luke 16:27-31

No, they have Moses and the Prophets

Luke 24:25-27

Beginning with Moses and the Prophets

* + - * 1. Moses… Law

Also, those who have died in Christ

Waiting for the expectation

Deuteronomy 34:1-6

I Thess 4: 13-14

* + - * 1. Elijah… those who never will die

II Kings 2:11

I Thessalonians 4:15-17

I Corinthians 15:50-57

Note… Luke 9:30-31a

Appearing in glory

* 1. Luke 9:31b
     1. Speaking of His departure
        1. Greek… Exodos
           1. Taking them from slavery to the promised land
  2. Peter chirps up
     1. Let me make three tabernacles or booths
        1. 6 months before the Passover
        2. Feast of Tabernacles
           1. Celebrating the journey to the promised land
           2. Are you at this time going to restore the kingdom?
  3. Voice of God… Matthew 17:5
     1. Peter be quiet
        1. Matthew 3:17; John 12:28-29; Matthew 17:5; Luke 9:35
           1. Matthew 17:6

Fell down and were terrified

People say… “I will tell God”

Why are people so afraid of God?

I see it at funerals all the time

Revelation 20:11-15

* 1. Matthew 17:7… Jesus touched them
     1. Matthew 17:8… they saw no one
        1. It was just a glimpse of what is going to take place
           1. How do we know this is really going to happen?

Matthew 16:21

Luke 9:30-31

Did those things happen?

* 1. Matthew 17:9… tell no one until
     1. The Son of Man rises from the dead
        1. I came to conquer death
           1. I Corinthians 15:54-57
  2. The Son of Man is going to suffer
     1. Matthew 16:24-26
        1. You and I are going to go through hard times
           1. Some like the disciples may fall asleep

I Thessalonians 4:13

Acts 7:55-60

John 11:37-40

Did I not say if you believe you will see the glory of God?

John 11:41-44

Unbind him and let him go

* + - * 1. Some may be tormented
      1. Revelation 1:18
         1. I “became” dead

John 10:17-18

No one can stop you and me from being resurrected… because He has the authority to pick it up again… I Thessalonians 4:18