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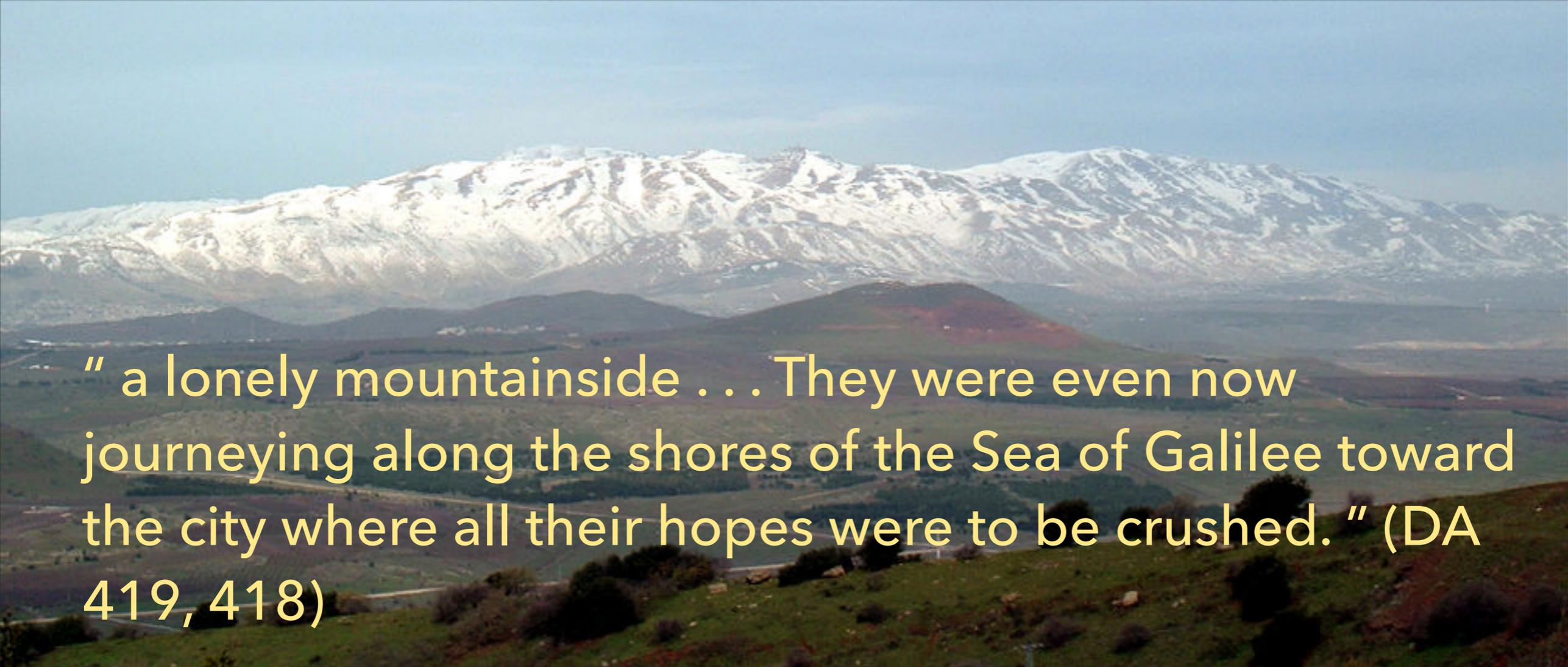
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# THE TRANSFIGURATION

Mark 9:1-13



" a lonely mountainside . . . They were even now journeying along the shores of the Sea of Galilee toward the city where all their hopes were to be crushed. " (DA 419, 418)



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# THE TRANSFIGURATION

**Mark 9:1 (KJV)** – 1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

What did Jesus mean by this statement?

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**Matthew 16:28 (KJV)** – 28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the **Son of man coming in his kingdom.**

Luke 9:27 (KJV) – 27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see **the kingdom of God.**

# BACKGROUND

**Matthew 17:1 (KJV)** – 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

**Mark 9:2 (KJV)** – 2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Six days from when?

Why did Jesus pick Peter, James, and John?

... the disciples did not comprehend His words. The glory seemed far away. Their eyes were fixed upon the nearer view, the earthly life of poverty, humiliation, and suffering. Must their glowing expectations of the Messiah's kingdom be relinquished? Were they not to see their Lord exalted to the throne of David? Could it be that Christ was to live a humble, homeless wanderer, to be despised, rejected, and put to death? Sadness oppressed their hearts, for they loved their Master.

Doubt also harassed their minds, for it seemed incomprehensible that the Son of God should be subjected to such cruel humiliation. They questioned why He should voluntarily go to Jerusalem to meet the treatment which He had told them He was there to receive. How could He resign Himself to such a fate, and leave them in greater darkness than that in which they were groping before He revealed Himself to them? DA 417.3

# BEFORE TRANSFIGURATION

Presently Christ tells them that they are now to go no farther. Stepping a little aside from them, the Man of

Sorrows pours out His supplications with strong crying and tears. He prays for strength to endure the

test in behalf of humanity. He must Himself gain a

fresh hold on Omnipotence, for only thus can He contemplate the future. And He pours out His heart

longings for His disciples, that in the hour of the power of darkness their faith may not fail. The dew is

heavy upon His bowed form, but He heeds it not.

# BEFORE TRANSFIGURATION

Only the three who are to witness His anguish in Gethsemane have been chosen to be with Him on the mount. Now the burden of His prayer is that they may be given a manifestation of the glory He had with the Father before the world was, that His kingdom may be revealed to human eyes, and that His disciples may be strengthened to behold it. He pleads that they may witness a manifestation of His divinity that will comfort them in the hour of His supreme agony with the knowledge that He is of a surety the Son of God and that His shameful death is a part of the plan of redemption. DA 419.4

## What happened to Christ?

**Mark 9:2-3 (KJV)** – 2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured (μεταμορφόω -metamorphoō ) before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

Who appeared to Jesus?

**Mark 9:4**

## Peter's reaction

**Luke 9:32-33 (KJV)** – 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. 33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

What does this say about their understanding of the nature of the kingdom?

What change took place after this?

**Luke 9:34**

Who spoke?

**Mark 9:7; Matthew 17:3**

**Matthew 3:17**

**John 12:28**

How did this affect the disciples?

**Matthew 17:6, 7**

**σφόδρα adv. of σφοδρός: a very high point on a scale of extent, very (much), extremely, greatly**

**φοβέω ('flee in terror)**

**Arise, and be not afraid.**

Why did Jesus charge the  
disciples to not say anything yet?

Mark 9:9-10

# The Kingdom Come?

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Matthew 12:28

Mark 9:1

Luke 10:9, 11

Luke 17:20-21

Luke 22:18

Acts 1:6

Revelation 12:9, 10

What was the significance of  
Elijah and Moses being on the  
Mount?

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

2 Peter 1:16-19

# THE BOY WITH THE DUMB SPIRIT

Mark 9:14-29

What is a dumb spirit?

Mark 5:9

What does v. 26 say?

What element was lacking in that  
the other disciples could not  
help the man's son?

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Can we have the power to cast  
out devils?

Mark 9:23

Matthew 10:1

Jeremiah 32:17, 27

Acts 19:13-16

The words of Christ pointing to His death had brought sadness and doubt. And the selection of the three disciples to accompany Jesus to the mountain had excited the jealousy of the nine. Instead of strengthening their faith by prayer and meditation on the words of Christ, they had been dwelling on their discouragements and personal grievances. In this state of darkness they had undertaken the conflict with Satan. DA 431.1

In order to succeed in such a conflict they must come to the work in a different spirit. Their faith must be strengthened by fervent prayer and fasting, and humiliation of heart. They must be emptied of self, and be filled with the Spirit and power of God. Earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith—faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work—can alone avail to bring men the Holy Spirit's aid in the battle against principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and wicked spirits in high places.

DA 431.2

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,” said Jesus, “ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove.” Though the grain of mustard seed is so small, it contains that same mysterious life principle which produces growth in the loftiest tree. When the mustard seed is cast into the ground, the tiny germ lays hold of every element that God has provided for its nutriment, and it speedily develops a sturdy growth. If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God’s word, and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently as insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. “Nothing shall be impossible unto you.” DA 431.3