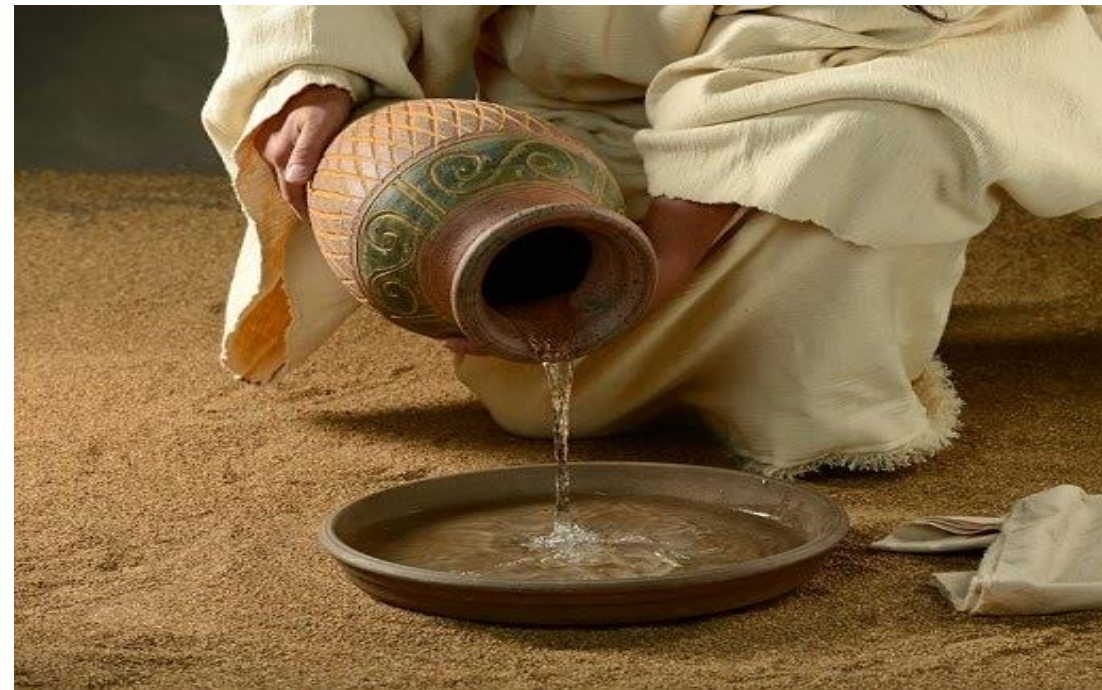

The Glorious Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13



the
Gospel
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Blessed New Year!

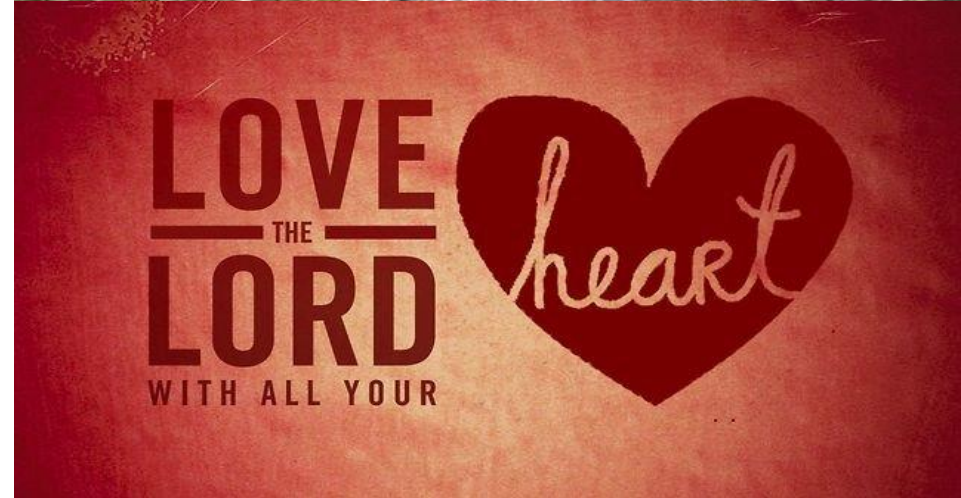
HLCE Theme 2025

Year of Service

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Matthew 20:28

***Jesus came not to be served
but to serve***



Matthew 16:21-28

A Troubling Truth

**The Son of God
must go to the cross**

Suffered, be killed, and raised to life

The Call to Discipleship

*'Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.'*



***Come
Follow Me***

The Glorious Transfiguration **Matthew 17:1-13**

In closing of the chapter 16:28,
Jesus said, *“Truly I tell you,
some who are standing here will
not taste death before they see the
Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”*

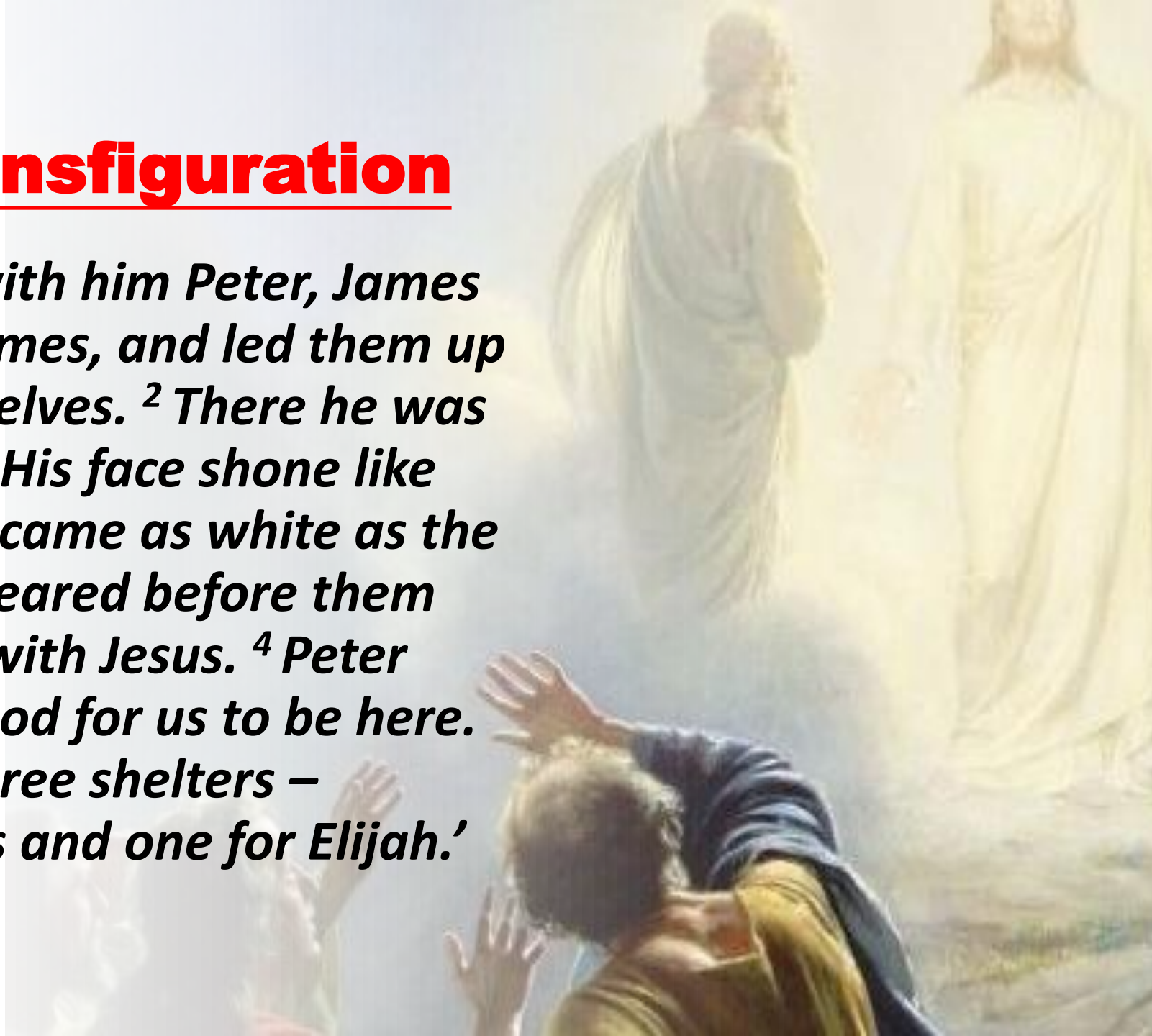
**A glorious revelation
to encourage them
to follow and serve him**



Matthew 17:1-13

The Glorious Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'





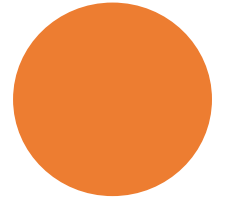
⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' ***⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.'*** ***⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'***

The Glorious Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

Mount Hermon

Mountains are very significant



Moses at Mount Sinai



Mount Carmel



Mount of Temptation



Rest for Elijah on Mt. Sinai



God's Encounters on the Mountains

Ascension

Mount Olive



A Glorious Scene

² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

‘transfigured’, ‘metamorphosis’, means ‘transformed’.

***His Majesty and Splendour
The Glory of God Displayed***



**The Glorious
Jesus**

***From Emptiness
to Fullness***

Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophet

- Jesus fulfil both the law & prophet.
- Both experienced God's glory on Mount Sinai and Horeb.
- Both died without a grave.
- Both pointed to the coming of the Messiah.

**They were talking
about his death**



**Elijah
and Mose
with him
Talking!**

Peter Again!

***⁴ Peter said to Jesus,
'Lord, it is good for us to be here.
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Spiritual Selfishness

Desire Glory not Suffering



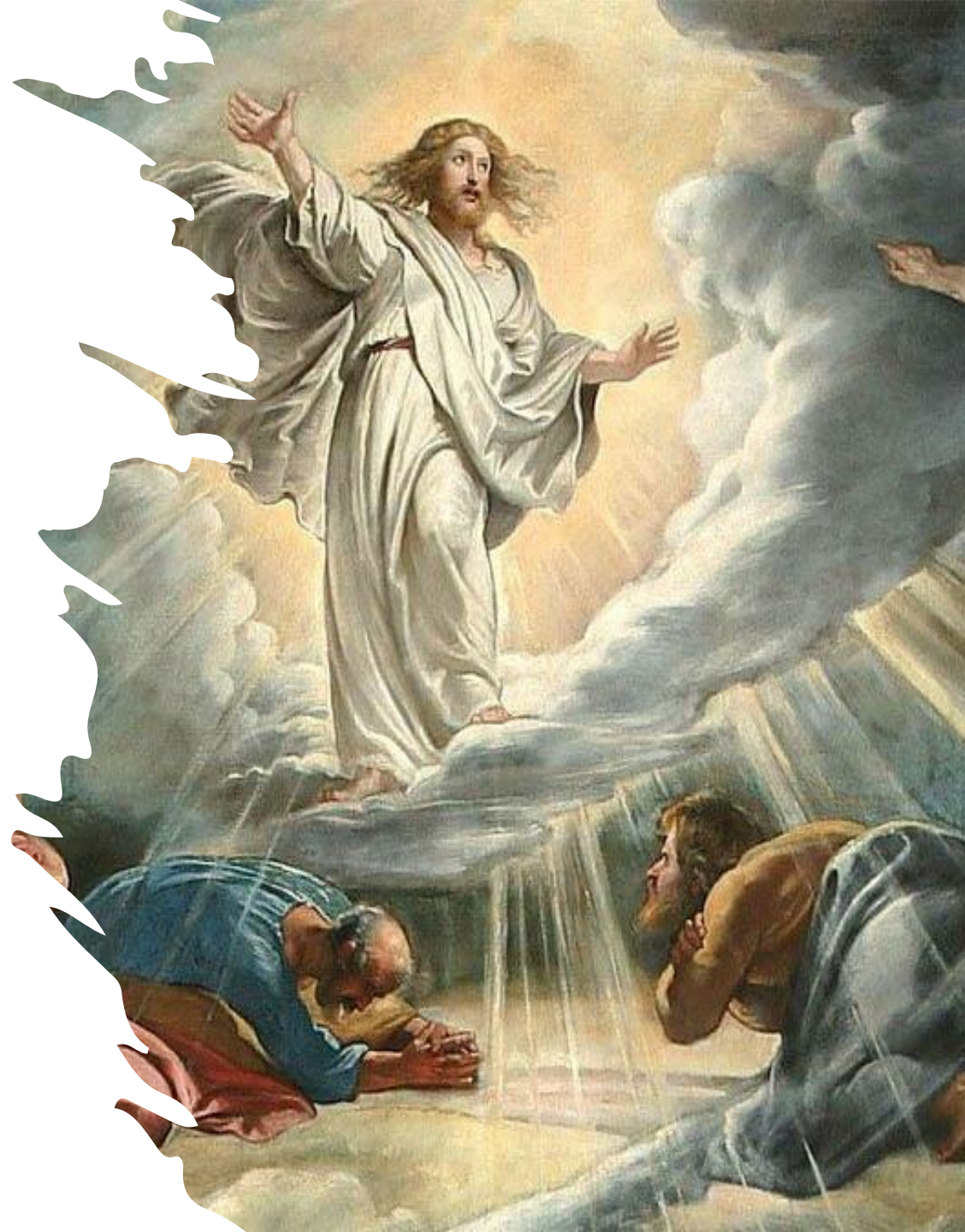
A Glorious Assurance & Exhortation from the Father

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**Jesus is truly His Son
whom He loved & approved**

Listen to Him

He comes willingly for the cross!



Keep it to Yourself

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The Messianic Secret!

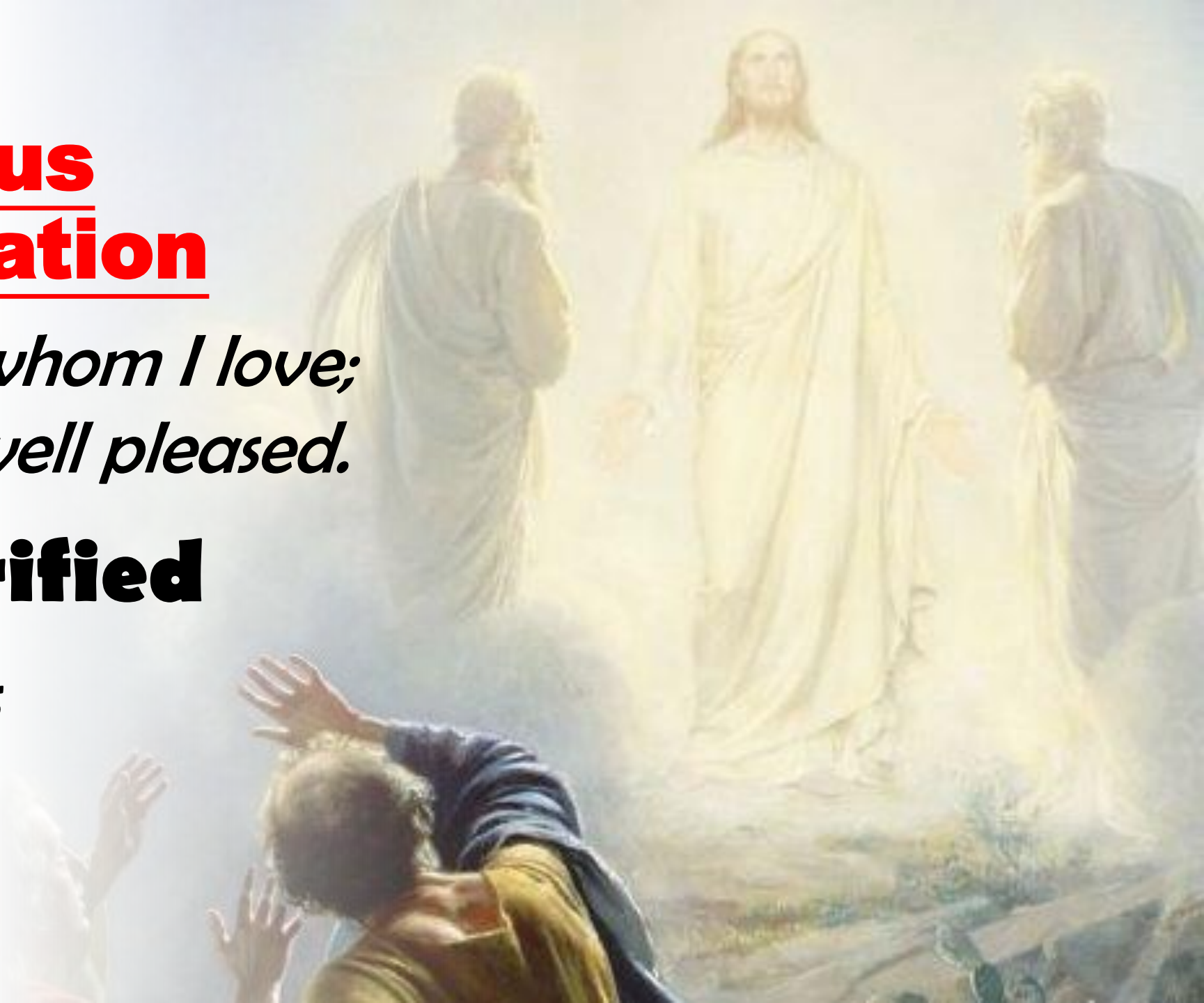


The Glorious Transfiguration

*This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.*

Jesus is Glorified

*Soak up God's
goodness and
worship Him!*

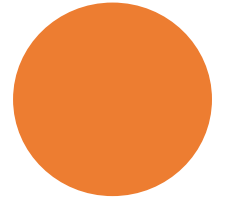


Listen to Him!

*He is Going to the
Cross Willingly*

**The Glorious Christ
is a Crucified Christ**

No Cross, No Glory!



Be disciples of Jesus

Be Obedient to the Father Like Jesus

Deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow him.

We too will share his glory

We shall see him face to face!

Look forward to the glory and fellowship in the presence of God



**But NOW we must
go down to the
Valley of Service**

**We are made
for the Valley**

*The mountain top
experience is to
prepare us for service*



It is the Plan of God for Us
We are not saved by work,
but we are saved to serve

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God –

⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.



We are Created to Serve

Ephesian 2:10

*For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to do.*

Uniquely gifted to serve **1 Peter 4:10**

*Each of you should use
whatever gift you have
received to serve others,*



It is the Purpose of God for Us

To Enjoy God

*To live the eternal life
of knowing God and Jesus*

*To deepen our love relationships
with Him and our trust in Him*

To Glorify God

*To become more like
His Son to glorify Him.*



BUT NOW, O LORD, THOU ART OUR FATHER;
we are the clay, and thou our potter;
and we all are the work of thy hand.

**Decide whom
you will serve**

**Declared with Joshua
in Joshua 24:15**

*“But as for me and
my household,
we will serve the Lord”*



**Renewal of
Covenant at
Shechem**

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***



Matthew 20:28

Jesus came not to be served but to serve