



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

A TRUE MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE LUKE 9:28-36

INTRODUCTION: Miraculous, milestone events in life are rare and their effect on our everyday life is fleeting. However, God occasionally sends such events into our life to encourage us, just as He did for Jesus and His apostles.

I. The Timing Of The Encounter (Luke 9:28)

Luke 9:28 “And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He [Jesus] took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray.”

Luke 9:27 “But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

II. The Details Of The Encounter (Luke 9:29-36)

A. The Transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:29)

Luke 9:29 “And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming.”

Matthew 17:2 “And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as lights.”

B. The Appearance of Moses and Elijah (Luke 9:30-31)

Luke 9:30 “And behold, two men were talking with Him [Jesus]; and they were Moses and Elijah,”

Luke 9:31 “who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.”

C. The Proposal by Peter (Luke 9:32-33)

Luke 9:32-33 “³² Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. ³³ And it came about, as these were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses and one for Elijah’ — not realizing what he was saying.”

D. The Announcement from God (Luke 9:34-36)

Luke 9:34 “And while he [Peter] was saying this, a cloud formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.”

Luke 9:35 “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!’”

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18 “¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. ¹⁸ I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.”

Luke 9:36 “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.”

III. The Purpose Of The Encounter

A. For the Disciples

2 Peter 1:16-18 “¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased’ — ¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

B. For Jesus

IV. Timeless Truths From This Encounter

A. Milestone Moments are **Necessary**

B. Milestone Moments are **Extraordinary**

C. Milestone Moments are **Secondary** to God’s Word

Luke 16:31 “But he [Abraham] said to him [rich man], ‘if they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 9:35b “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”

John 8:12 “...I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

Conclusion