

THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION: -

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

Matthew 16:28: - "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."

NOTE: - Jesus referring to some of his disciples who were listening to his words, stated that **some** of them would not die until they had seen the Son of man coming in his kingdom. Mark's gospel adds the following information concerning these chosen disciples: - "*till they have seen the kingdom of God come **with power.***" – Mark 9:1.

In other words, these chosen disciples would not experience death until they had seen the Son of man coming in his kingdom with power. Does this mean that these few disciples are still alive today, as we are still waiting for the kingdom of God to come with power? By no means. The answer to this cryptic saying of Jesus is found in Matthew 17, where three of his disciples, Peter, James and John were chosen by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration and his appearing in the glory of his heavenly Father.

Matthew 17:1 - 9: - "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, **a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.** And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead."

The apostle Peter who was one of the three chosen disciples, who witnessed this event, has commented upon this glorification of Jesus in his 2nd epistle. He teaches us that the Transfiguration of Christ was a miniature representation of the power and coming of the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ. In other words, when Jesus was transfigured on the mount, it was an example of Jesus coming in his kingdom of glory. And thus it fulfilled Jesus' statement made in Matthew 16:28.

2 Peter 1:16 - 18: - "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, **when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."