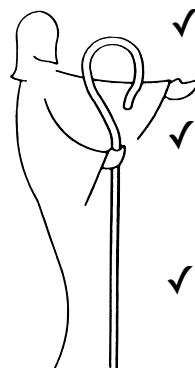


### *What should I expect?*

Do I reign with Christ now?	Do I suffer with Christ now?
Am I delivered from hardship?	Am I to endure through hardship?
Are the promises for this life?	Are the promises for the life to come?
Should I expect to be whole in this life?	Should I expect to struggle in this life?

### *The Good Shepherd*



- ✓ - prepares the sheep for the realities of life in this age and the next
- ✓ - but this will sometimes frustrate the sheep because they have preconceived ideas about reality
- ✓ - and must be reminded of both the cross and the banquet.



### *The Gospel of Mark*

## *Jesus*

### *the Messiah and his Mission*

*ch.1-8*

*ch.9-16*

*Finding PEACE in this world without being of this World means understanding the Gospel.*

### *Jesus' revelation to the disciples*

- ✓ I am the Messiah.
- ✓ My mission involves the Cross.
- ✓ My followers will also bear a cross.
- ✓ **But they bear it to a banquet.**

*Matthew 22:2*

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

*Revelation 19:9*

"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb"

*Mark 9*

“<sup>1</sup> And He was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” <sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And **He was transfigured before them**; <sup>3</sup> and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, 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.” <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” <sup>8</sup> And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.”

*The Transfiguration*

- ✓ This comes just after the sobering revelation of the mission of the Cross.
- ✓ The presences of Elisha and Moses suggest that Jesus has the endorsement of the Law and the Prophets.
- ✓ What happens is for the disciples benefit.
  - “he brought **them**”
  - “transfigured before **them**”
  - “Moses & Elijah appeared to **them**”
  - “this is My beloved Son, **listen** to him.”

- ✓ This may be the fulfillment of the promise in 9:1

“there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come in power.”

- ✓ The Apostles see this as a reassuring sign of Jesus’ authority.

*2 Peter 1*

“<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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”

- ✓ “**Transfigured**” = radically altered (from the inside out).



μεταμορφωω  
METAMORPHOO  
to change forms

To **Glorify** is to reveal one’s full essence or designed purpose & nature.

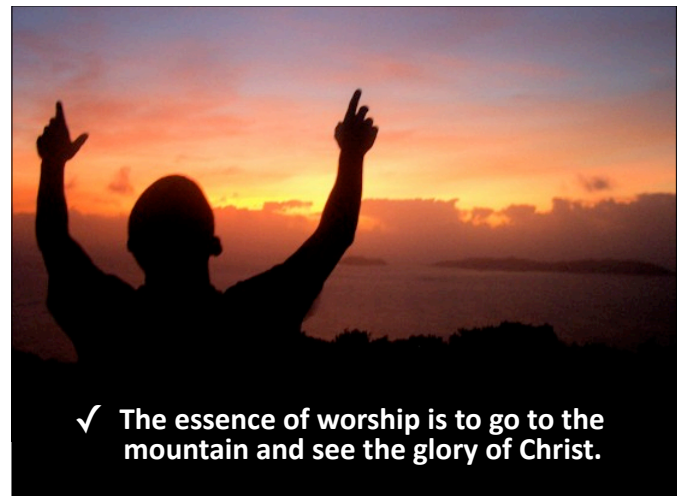
- ✓ This is a picture of our destiny when we will be glorified in the image of Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15*

“<sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

*1 Corinthians 3:18*

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,”



- ✓ The essence of worship is to go to the mountain and see the glory of Christ.

### Questions about Heaven?

- ✓ **Will heaven be a place?** YES but in the same way that our resurrection body is a body.
- ✓ **Will we recognize family and friends in heaven?** YES but we will not care or notice.
- ✓ **Will heaven resemble the present earth?** YES but without the effects of the fall.
- ✓ **Will we have our questions answered in heaven?** YES, but we will have none.
- ✓ **Will we grow in heaven?** NO, we will have no need to and be fulfilled without it.

### Common points of confusion?

- ✓ **Don't confuse means with ends.** Streets of gold, a jeweled city, no tears, etc. may be attempts to describe paradise in an earthly context.
- ✓ **Eternity is timeless not temporal.** It is a state of being more than a clock running.
- ✓ **Heavenly bodies are bodies.** But they are not the same as our present bodies.
- ✓ **Is there anything in this age that will be like heaven?** YES, moments of intimate connecting, personal fulfillment, and peace.



**Example  
of Jesus being IN but not OF  
the world.**

**Disciples know that they  
bear a cross now to a  
banquet later and are  
prepared to wait.**

### Hebrews 12:2

“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”