

**“Suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying
‘This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased,
Listen to HIM!’ ”**

As our Lord’s public ministry was coming to an end, He found Himself making that final journey to Jerusalem to confront His destiny. Before His suffering and ultimate death on the Cross, Jesus wanted to give His Apostles a glimpse of His Divinity, so that they might be able to better endure the dark days that would lie ahead. He ordered Peter, James and John to accompany Him on a rugged climb to the peak of Mt. Tabor. Here He would be “*changed*” *Before their very eyes with “ . . . His face shining as the sun and His garments becoming white as snow.”* The 3 Apostles would also see a vision of Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament appearing with the transfigured Christ, causing Peter to cry out: “ Lord, it is good for us to be here!” (Matthew 17:4) In an instant however, this miraculous event was over, and Christ and His faithful followers had to leave this radiant setting behind and embark along the rugged road to Golgotha. It would be awhile before Peter and the others would comprehend the magnitude of what they had been privileged to see. Truly, they had been “*eyewitnesses*” to the glory of God, as Peter would write about later in one of his epistles.

Our Lord’s Transfiguration should serve to remind us that we, too, are “*eyewitnesses*” to God’s glory. We repeatedly see how He touches the lives of all of us - how He bestows His many blessing upon us and answers our prayers. We see His love for us constantly. When we are faithful, great things are revealed to us – just as they were to Peter, James and John on Mt Tabor. Yes, it is good for us to be here in our own Christian communities as we strive to further the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. If our efforts are sincere, rest assured that we will, one day bask in the Light of Christ forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.