

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Crowning Works of the Ministry

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### *The Rite of Transfiguration*

After six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother and bringeth them up into a 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.

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.

—*Matthew 17:1-8.*

The deepest esoteric teachings of the Master began at the time of the Transfiguration. Gradually, as the Disciples were able to bear it, He endeavored to lead them into an understanding of the inner meaning of His mission to the world. In that tremendous and awe-inspiring scene of the Transfiguration, which has been called the Feast and the Victory of Light, He was attended by three of his innermost circle, namely, John, the best loved, which means the most spiritually advanced; James, the first to lay down his life for the cause of the new religion of Christianity; and Peter, the rock, symbolizing the power of faith, and works upon which has been builded the Christian religion. These three were now to function amid the glories of the World of Life Spirit, His own particular realm of unity and harmony. They had learned to raise their vibrations sufficiently high to see Him clothed in His glorious body built of the

material of this celestial plane. This is the body John was attempting to describe when he reported that "we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father."

Peter declared: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of his majesty." Luke, who wrote at the dictation of Peter, said, "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening." Mark added, "And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can white them."

Matthew gave the most detailed account of this experience that is to be found in all the Gospels. He no doubt heard these words many times from Peter, James, and John after their Teacher had gone from them to return to His home in the World of Life Consciousness. Matthew said: "And he was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the Sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

The Disciples were lifted to that height in order that they might learn to read from God's Book of Remembrance which is to be found in that plane of being, for therein is a complete record of all that has occurred during the entire Earth Period and an outline of that which shall become manifest in the future.

It was there that they traced the lives of Moses and Elijah, who were embodiments of the same Ego. There Christ Jesus taught them to read the imperishable record of His own ministry and of the decease "which he should accomplish at Jerusalem."

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