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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Picking up where we left off; after our Lord had questioned His very own Apostles-

“Who do you say that I AM?”

Jesus then concluded that evening with this unusual statement:

✝ And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. Mark 9:1 KJV

Now we get the answer to this bold statement of our Lord Jesus.

✝ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

Matthew 17:1-2 RSV

6 days meaning on the 7th day is the number of 7 again which does mean perfect Spiritual completion. As in all Scripture like all of GOD'S Creation do each follow proven mathematical science.

Gravity, Orbit, Photo synthesis, RNA/DNA just to name a few are perfect examples & as such is GOD'S Word proven by His perfect Laws of physics & natural sciences all being self evident of His Divine Design.

The more we learn the more we comprehend mathematical precision aka Divine Design.

✝ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 NIV

So, Jesus chose John & James His birth cousins and Peter His appointed Apostle leader as His inner circle the Chief elect amongst the Believing elect for this private occasion to reveal His Heavenly nature. After- they had previously professed their belief that Jesus was is and ever will be the Living Divine eternal Christ. So now again Jesus proves it.

Christ our Lord was “Transformed” before them.

What? Pray tell does that mean.

From the Websters Classic Dictionary:

Transfigure: To change outward appearance of, or to make more beautiful, or radiant.

From the Websters Classic Bible Dictionary:

Transfiguration: The supernatural change in the appearance of Christ as a serving attestation of His Messiahship and an emblem of (His) glorified humanity.

Simply put Christ's Transfiguration was a brief glimpse of Jesus Divine THE Living Word of GOD (John 1) in His eternal glory as the Great I Am temporarily permitted to shine through His humanity.

Because this we know that GOD Himself His very substance is composed of Living Light.

1John1:15 ~ John 1:4 ~ Psalm 36:9 ~ Exodus 33:18-23 & 40:34-35

✝ to obey your orders and keep them faithfully until the Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will appear. ¹⁵ His appearing will be brought about at the right time by God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. ¹⁶ He alone is immortal; *he lives in the light that no one can approach*. No one has ever seen him; no one can ever see him. To him be honor and eternal power! Amen. 1Timothy 6:14 GNT

The Greek word Matthew
uses for Radiant light is #
5460 which means so bright
no shadows possible

We should also trouble ourselves here by recalling that Jesus had previously told His Apostles their Faith in Him as their Messiah would be “What?” He would build His Church upon and not even the gates of hell would prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Just Why? Jesus said that exact statement was because this location was well known as for where the Fallen demonic’s offspring had traditionally resided after pro creating with human beings. (Nephilim) This area was known as “the gates of Hell” due to its repeated continual evil & Pagan rites of worship.

This was also Where? Many from the rebellious Tribe of Dan had chosen to remain apart from Israel. Meaning personally, I do suspect Mt. Hermon was the site of Peter’s Great Confession & a week later Mt. Tabor apart from the unrighteousness of Hermon was the site of Jesus’s Holy Transfiguration.

Biblical scholars have for generations debated the Hermon/Tabor question while missing it is very possible/probable it was both because ample time existed in the 7-day span to traverse between them.

An Old Testament Prophecy fulfilled by Jesus if Transfiguration was on Mt. Tabor

✠ As I live, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. Jeremiah 46:18 KJV

As for Carmel- unbeknown to most; Egyptian Tradition holds that Mother Mary & Joseph (Step-Father) stopped at Carmel with baby Jesus for some time after the Angel Gabriel had informed Joseph King Herod was dead and they could/should all return from hiding in Egypt. (Matthew 2:19)

Thusly fulfilling the Messianic Scripture “out of Egypt I will call my Son.” (Hosea 11:1)

Ok, getting back on track the literal interpretation of Jesus’s words “some of those” who attended His previous weeks Discourse of Himself being the Christ that they would live to see His Kingdom is:

“Some of those standing here will see The Son of man come in His Kingdom.”

Meaning John, James, & Peter have now witnessed for themselves Christ in His “Thy Kingdom Come” Glory! This fact alone forever sets Jesus apart from all other religious figures and authorities because no other system or person has ever demonstrated themselves to be Holy GOD.

Get that? Only GOD I.e. human incarnate Messiah/Christ Jesus can Save!

Jesus is GOD!! (Born human to take the Sins of the world upon Himself)

As in through Christ Jesus He restores anew our fractured born in Sin Spiritual relationship with GOD.

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✠ And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 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 who were standing with Him. ³³ And as these two men were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; and let’s make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not realizing what he was saying. (Glory- Scripture says people can absorb the Light of GOD) Luke 9:30-33 NASB

Moses the Great Lawgiver long dead and secretly buried by GOD Himself (Deut.34:6) & Elijah who was Raptured alive (2Kings2:11) the Chief Eschatology Prophet now do each appear glorified speaking with Jesus as the 2 paramount Law & Prophet Torah (Old Testament) figures.

What this means is Scripture promises that those who die in Christ be it before His Ministry while awaiting Messiah or after, that all in Christ will live Spiritually until bodily resurrection then with perfect non aging bodies as Adam & Eve did before our fall in Sin. As for Glory Moses spoke with GOD (Exodus 34:29) & absorbed thusly reflected His Light & many believe Adam & Eve were naturally clothed with the innocent pure Spiritual Light of GOD prior to their Sin. Then- when they Sinned they were exposed naked. (Like the Transfiguration Revelation 11 describes our eternal garments as a literal robe of pure white light!)

Scripture does not explain to us How? Peter, James, & John had recognized the 2 persons who suddenly miraculously appeared with Jesus were indeed Moses (Law) & Elijah. (Prophets)

Was it by them picking up on their conversation with Jesus about His coming sacrificial death, resurrection, & ascension in Jerusalem? Or did Jesus simply introduce them to His Apostles?

For more information on Glorified physical & Spiritual bodies consult 1 Cor. 15:42-49 & 2 Cor. 5:1-10.

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✝ He (Jesus) was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I Am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Matthew 17:5-8 RSV

Literally the presence of GOD as the 3rd person of the Trinity. (1 Divine Holy GOD who is 3 & 3 who are 1)

The Holy Spirit materializes above as He was also recorded in Genesis 1:2 hovering over His created Earth.

Also, this is the second of 3 times Heavenly Father Himself speaks audibly identifying Jesus as His human Son!

First at Christ our Lords Baptism. (Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, & Luke 3:22)

Then Second here at Jesus's Transfiguration. (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, & Luke 9:35)

While finally the Third time will be just prior to our Lord's Crucifixion. (John 12:28)

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✝ And as they were coming down the mountain, he (Jesus) charged them (Apostles) to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" ¹² And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him." Mark 9:9-13 ESV

Jesus then told His trembling prostrate Apostles it was Ok, they then stood up to find GOD's presence had departed taking with Him Moses & Eijah after Christ had resumed His incarnate born human form.

Then Our Lord informs that Elijah had to come by prophecy before Messiah. (Malachi 3:1, 3:23-24 & 4:5-6)

Further that John the Baptist had also stood in publicly for Elijah (his mission) during Jesus's first Advent.

However, Moses & Elijah will return during the Tribulation period (Rev. 11) before our Lord's second Advent.

Did you know?

It is customary for traditional Jewish people at every Passover for each family to leave a chair open for Elijah's return.

Later- St. Peter's own testimony of Jesus's Transfiguration:

✝ We were there when he (Jesus) was given honor and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:17 GNT