

Study Guide  
The Kingdom Has Come  
Matthew 17:1-13

**Big Idea:** God is Glorious!

1. Read Matthew 17:1-2. Describe the scene. How do you think this experience impacted the lives of the three? Share of a time when you were able to get a glimpse of the glory of God in some way. How did it impact you?
2. Read Matthew 17:3-4. Notice how Peter would love to prolong this experience. How would you describe your longing for the glory of God? How can these longings lead you into being "satisfied"? Discuss this Psalm: *"So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory...my soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food."* Psalm 63:2 + 5a.
3. Read Matthew 17:5-8. Why do you think it is such a fearful thing when God unveils more of His glory to us? How do guilt and shame keep us from Him? What about Christ encourages you to press into a relationship with Him?
4. Read Matthew 17:9-13. Why do you think God veils His glory to the masses? What seems to be the privilege of those who are willing to press in, ask questions and read the Scriptures?

**Application**

Pray for God to guide you into more of a pursuit of Him. Pray for Him to satisfy the deepest longings of your soul.

## Message Slides

**Big Idea:** Only God is glorious!

### A. A Glimpse of Glory (v.1-2)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

### You Become What You View

Luke 11:33-35- "Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, ... wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

Psalms 63:2 + 5a

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### B. A Longing for Glory (v.3-4)

<sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

### The Tent of Meeting

Exodus 33:11a & 34:35- "Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. ... the skin of Moses' face was shining.

Exodus 33:7b- "And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was far off from the camp."

### C. In Awe of Glory (v.5-8)

<sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, 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." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

### D. Veiled Glory (v.9-13)

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." <sup>10</sup>And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. <sup>12</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Malachi 4:5-6 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 'And he will turn the hearts..."

*Revelation 11:3*

And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

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