

- † Looking behind the curtain, beyond the veil and behind closed doors is something we all like to see.
 - † And that's what's taking place on the Mt of Transfiguration today. Jesus is giving Peter, James and John; and you and I; an earthly look at Jesus that is beyond His earthly form.
 - † But now, today, on this mountain, they get to see a glimpse behind the veil of heaven; to have an earthly view of Jesus heavenly glory.
 - † Moses was the lawgiver to the Jews.
 - † Elijah represents the prophets.
 - † So in these two men we have the law and the prophets giving Peter, James and John, permission to see a further reality of Jesus as the messiah.

 - † Now, after three years with Jesus, they can better grasp this look beyond Jesus' earthly form. He has prepared them to learn from now 'seeing behind the veil'.
 - † Their minds are veiled in the same way a veil hid the dimming radiance that Moses experienced after being in God's presence on Mount Sinai.
 - † But today on the mountain of transfiguration, the radiance of Jesus is shown in as full a glory as Peter, James and John could humanly stand.

 - † This is revealing Jesus' true God-ness along with His true humanness.

 - † One of the prophecy's that speaks of this is in Malachi...
“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. ‘See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.’”
- † That great and dreadful day of judgment is what Jesus heads toward in Jerusalem after coming down this mountain.
 - † This view, this is a *human* look beyond Jesus' *human-ness*.
 - † Having Peter, James and John view this 'look behind' gives us a further confidence, comfort and assurance in Who it is that is going to the cross for our sins.
 - † Just as Moses and Elijah had been taken to heaven without dying, so Jesus came to earth to die so that we don't have to suffer God's wrath for our sins
 - † He has now come behind the scenes of *our* earthly life and taken on our human flesh so that He could do this work for us in our place.
 - † This is The God-Man. He is God's Son made plain to us by the testimony of the law – in Moses, and the prophets – in Elijah and even by the words of the Father Himself in the cloud that covered them with heavenly glory.
 - † This God/Man, this Jesus, who descends from this mountain today, is heading for the mount of Calvary to pay for our sins with His *truly* holy, precious and innocent blood on the cross.
 - † We now see, not only *behind* the curtain, but Jesus' death tears the curtain in two.
 - † ***“With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”***
 - † And with the tearing of that curtain, our separation from the holy of holies, the place where the glory of God dwells, has ended.
 - † But today we are getting a glimpse of what that glory means for us in the transfiguration of Jesus.