

The Wonder Of Jesus

*"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."
John 14:9 (NIV)*

*"They will see his face..."
Revelation 22:4-5 (NIV)*

What was it like for the Apostles to see and hear the Saviour when He was on earth? What an amazing privilege it must have been for them! At some level they were astonished at His wisdom, power and grace. One day, when they were caught in a life-threatening storm on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus was asleep in the boat. The fear filled disciples awoke Jesus. "He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm...In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'" Luke 8:24-25 (NIV)

The apostles witnessed the Creator "fine tuning" His creation and they were astonished at His power over the elements.

On another occasion Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up a mountain and there they saw the Saviour physically changed before them. Luke 9:28-31 (NIV) "About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem."

So, the apostles saw something of our Lord's glory in His physical appearance that day and again were astonished and at a loss for words. Jesus is well beyond a full and comprehensive description. As we seek to give a description of the Saviour, we must conclude by saying with the apostle John, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."

This remarkable Jesus waits for all of His people of all ages to be finally gathered to His Father's home where they shall "see His face". This thought of "seeing His face" can be both thrilling and frightening. As Christians we long to see the One Who loved us and gave Himself for us. But, on the other hand, we think of the experiences of men like Isaiah (Isaiah 6) and the apostles Peter (Luke 5) and John (Revelation 1) who were so overwhelmed at the revelation of the Lord's

glory they sensed they were unworthy to be in His presence.

What will it be for us? I believe our initial response to seeing His face will be a sense of awe, amazement and humility. Then we will hear His voice welcoming us home and to our place in His Father's mansion. Tears of joy will soon be wiped away and we shall gaze and gaze upon the wonderful face of our Beloved.

The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths
lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

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