

**SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1**  
**Lesson 21**  
**MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION**

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**“For we...were eyewitnesses of his majesty”** (vs. 16)

There is a great contrast between the lowly appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ at His First Advent and His glorious appearance at His Second Advent.

**LUKE 9:18-22** Jesus describes the events of His First Coming: suffering, death, shame, and rejection.

**26-27** The Lord reveals that He will be returning from Heaven in all His glory and that some of them standing there would be witnesses of that before they die.

**28-34** Peter, James, and John were privileged to see a sneak peak of the Lord in all His glory accompanied by the prophets Moses and Elijah and they heard the voice of God the Father from Heaven. They were **“eyewitnesses of his majesty”** (2 Peter 1:16)

**Moses:** Represents born again saints who have died, been resurrected, and entered the Kingdom.

**Elijah:** Represents born again saints who never died because they were raptured, and entered the Kingdom.

**Peter, James, and John:** Represent survivors of the Tribulation who will enter the Kingdom.

**The multitude:** Represents the people who will be brought to the knowledge and worship of King Jesus by those who have seen and beheld Him in His glory on the Mount.

**ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION**

Jesus’ face shined like the sun.

Jesus’ Clothing shined and radiated with the light of his person; the glory of God Himself.

Jesus is surrounded by Old Testament saints sharing His glory.

“Glistening” sparkling radiating light!

**ON MOUNT CALVARY**

Jesus’ visage (face) was marred more than any man (Isaiah 52:14) His beard was torn from the roots (Isaiah 50:6), His brow was pierced by the crown of thorns. (Matthew 27:29)

Jesus was stripped of all His garments, mocked and ridiculed.

Jesus is surrounded by malefactors (evil-doers) and criminals sharing His shame.

The sun went dark at noonday for three hours. (Matthew 27:45)

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**2 Peter 1:16-20**

Peter said they **“were eyewitnesses of his majesty”** and heard the voice of God the Father from heaven saying, **“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

But then he said we have something better (**“more SURE”**), and that is the word of prophecy found in the written Scriptures (vss. 19-20).

The only place you can see Jesus in His glory and splendor today is between the pages of the Bible. If anyone says *“I saw Jesus”* or *“God spoke to me”* the Lord said don’t listen to them (Matthew 24:23). We need to learn to treasure what God has revealed, recorded, and preserved in His Holy Bible for us. That is where the light is going to shine on our hearts and minds. The Bible contains the light of the glory of God to direct your steps and to guide your pathway.