

God's People See And Listen To Jesus

February 11, 2018 – Mark 9:2-8

“After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. (He did not know what to say, they were so afraid.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them and a voice came from the cloud, ‘This is My Son, Whom I love. Listen to Him! Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.’” [Also in Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36]

Last Sunday was the Super Bowl. There were outstanding athletes on the football field. They could run and jump and swerve and weave across the field. I looked up some names of Great former football players which included some of the former football greats such as:

- Jim Braun – Cleveland Browns – 57-65
- Lawrence Taylor – N.Y. Giants 81-93
- Joe Montana – San. F. 49ers – 79-92
- Jerry Rice, 49ers 85-2000
- Reggie White – G.B. – 93-98;
- Walter Payton – Bears 75-87
- Troy Aikman; Terry Bradshaw; Joe Green

And the list on the internet kept on going. Regardless of how great those players were, they all have one thing in common. They aged, their bodies deteriorated, there came a point of time in their life when they could no longer run, jump and catch as good as they used to, some have already died.

The gradual deterioration of the body, for some faster than others, the loss of physical and mental abilities that we once took for granted, and the loss of abilities can cause not only physical difficulty, but also emotional and mental stress.

In the text for today, we hear about Peter, James and John, who went up on the mountain of transfiguration with Jesus. They have also long ago lost their strength and abilities that they once had and have since died nearly 2000 years ago. But while they were on the mountain they saw Moses and Elijah.

Moses had died 1500 (B.C.) years before them and Elijah (850) B.C.) had been taken to heaven in a whirlwind. In the same way, we can look forward to heaven with our bodies of glorious splendor.

We also see Jesus, Whiter than white in all His glory. Jesus who humbled himself and became flesh and blood is also True God. And on the Mount of Transfiguration He gives a glimpse of His glory and power to the disciples on this Mountain so that when Jesus is crucified, they can look back to this account and find hope knowing that Jesus was transfigured.

It is to give them comfort in the midst of that period of grief.

This is encouragement also for us. One day we also will die, but we can be confident that we will live forever in Heaven with our glorified Bodies because of Jesus Christ our Savior, True God and True Man.

May we always and only See Jesus all the days of our Life here as we look forward to eternity in heaven. **AMEN.**

II Peter 1:16-18 – **“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 – For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory saying, This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.”**