

Few humans have ever seen Jesus in his heavenly majestic form as he is right now. The Lord's disciples; Peter, James and John did, and were firsthand eyewitnesses of perhaps what I consider the greatest event recorded in the bible. That greatest event was Jesus transfiguring right in front of them. It is the greatest event because so many of the things recorded in the Old Testament pointed to the Messiah that was to come who would save mankind from sin and undo the work of Satan. It was the Savior Jesus; who was born of a woman and the only begotten of God, making him 100% man and 100% God, proving to Peter, James and John that he truly is Immanuel, God with us. They were privileged and trusted to see Jesus in his pre-incarnate form. He appeared to them as God. Privileged because the Lord chose them above all his other followers and trusted because he commanded them not to tell anyone what they saw when he transfigured before them until he had risen from the dead. They were true to that command. Jesus needed these three men to have a rock solid belief in who he was. By them witnessing the transfiguration they were entrusted with the true knowledge that the Messiah was indeed God, the second figure of the Godhead. They witnessed also that Moses and Elijah are alive, proving that all that was written in the past in the Old Law was true. That knowledge would help them during the turbulent times ahead when Jesus would go to the cross and give up his life there, carrying out the plan of salvation. What the disciples learned from this event was that Jesus was the Supreme Being, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the Messiah. They heard the voice of God tell them from the cloud of glory to, "Listen to Him!" He was greater than Abraham their father to whom God gave the Promises that would bless all mankind; he was greater than Moses and Elijah whom represented the Law and the Prophets and did the majority of the Old Testament miracles, Jesus Christ is supreme. The writer of Hebrews explains it best. Heb 1:1-8, "God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds. His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, who, when he had by himself purified us of our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; having become so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they have. For to which of the angels did he say at any time, "You are my Son. Today I have become your father?" and again, "I will be to him a Father, and he will be to me a Son?" When he again brings in the firstborn into the world he says, "Let all the angels of God worship him." Of the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your Kingdom." Amen! The Hebrew writer tells us of Jesus Supremacy. Through the transfiguration Peter, James and John gained full confidence in who Jesus is. After reading about it in the bible we too can have that full assurance that Jesus is the Messiah, the true Son of God. I hope to see you all soon. Rejoice in the Lord always! Rejoice! Jim