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**“Reading The Last Chapter First”**

**(Matthew 17:1-9)**

Knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ to a story can be frustrating to some people.

In this mountaintop moment of our Bible passage today, these disciples get a glimpse of Jesus’ true \_\_\_\_\_ and his true \_\_\_\_\_.

The whole of human history is pointing in a certain direction. In the \_\_\_\_\_, we see what that direction is.

**#1. – In this moment, the disciples see \_\_\_\_\_ Christ really is.**

On that mountaintop they begin to \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is God in \_\_\_\_\_ flesh, and he’s been hiding his \_\_\_\_\_ from human eyes until now.

They realize he isn’t just sent from God; He \_\_\_\_\_ God come to earth to \_\_\_\_\_ His people!

Any action he performs or word he speaks is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ and meant to express the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

So the disciples needed to see that these heartbreaking events were all part of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ plan for \_\_\_\_\_ humanity back to Him!

**#2. – In this moment, they also see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ fulfilled.**

Jesus’ death and resurrection would complete the ministries of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ begun more than 1,500 years before.

God himself has come in Jesus to fulfill the mission of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_: to call the people back to a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ could not save us. The \_\_\_\_\_ could not save us. Jesus, by his own \_\_\_\_\_, carried us to home plate!

While Peter was still talking, God \_\_\_\_\_ him.

When God interrupts you, it’s time to stop \_\_\_\_\_ and listen!

Listen to Jesus! He is the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

Any competing \_\_\_\_\_ or philosophies simply \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth of who Jesus is and what his mission accomplished!

In Jesus, at this moment, the disciples saw the One True God! No one else could imitate his \_\_\_\_\_!

**#3. – Knowing the truth about Christ means making a \_\_\_\_\_.**

This is a glimpse of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ fulfilled!

Can you say, **“YES, Jesus is the One True God,”** and **“I give my life to Him?”**

**Your \_\_\_\_\_, your mission and your \_\_\_\_\_ are in your answer to that question!**