

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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The Transfiguration of Jesus, in the presence of his most beloved Apostles: Santiago, Peter and John, takes place almost at the end of his public life, in the times very close to his passion and to his Resurrection.

The transfiguration is a manifestation that is very similar to his Baptism, in which the three Divine People appear: Here the Holy Spirit in the shape of a cloud and the Father in the form of an elder with white hair that tells us: I have here my Beloved Son, the Chosen one, hear him!!

In the transfiguration, Jesus is conversing with Moses and the prophet Elias, two great figures of the Old Testament. And they speak of their passion, the imminence of his death and suffering, and of his Resurrection and final arrival in glory!

Peter, as always, throws himself into speaking to Jesus, to propose him to that he remain there and to make three huts for Jesus, Moses, and Elias.

Elias was a great figure for the town of Israel. He was carried to Heaven by a chariot of fire and they believed that he would return in the same miraculous way with the power of God to prepare for the glorious arrival of the Messiah!

Thus also Jesus said it, and he compared Elias with John the Baptist, his Precursor.

CONCLUSIONS:

1st. The Transfiguration is a very important test of the divinity of Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of the man, the eternal Word of the Father! God is light. In the transfiguration the face and also the robes of Jesus shine of light. Jesus has said: I am the light of the world and the one that follows me will not walk in darkness.

2nd. The Son of man, Jesus, true man and true God, is the one that will receive the kingdom, the power and the glory from the Father, eternal God, like it is seen in the prophecy of Daniel in the first reading.

And thus Jesus spoke also in other occasions when referring to the final judgment, when the Son of man would come with splendor and glory to judge the living and dead at the end times. And since his arrival 2,000 years ago, we are now living in the last times. The Second arrival of the Son of man, Jesus, will be produced at any moment; therefore nobody knows the day neither the hour, only the Father, God, knows. For us, only he remains to keep vigil and to pray, to always be prepared...

3rd. The Transfiguration was necessary on the eve of his Passion, to reinforce the faith of his apostles and all of us, on the eve of his humiliating and painful passion, and so that in these last times we can stand fast in the faith, knowing that the Son of man goes freely to his Passion but that finally he will leave victorious and on the third day to reign together with the Father in his kingdom of light, peace, justice, and love! Amen.