

Journey to the Cross

Lesson 19
The Surprise of the Cross

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MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Opening Song

*Journey
to the Cross*





Memory Verse

**Whoever wants to be My
disciple must deny
themselves and take up
their cross and follow Me.**

Mark 8:34b



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Surprises



Transfiguration



Cross



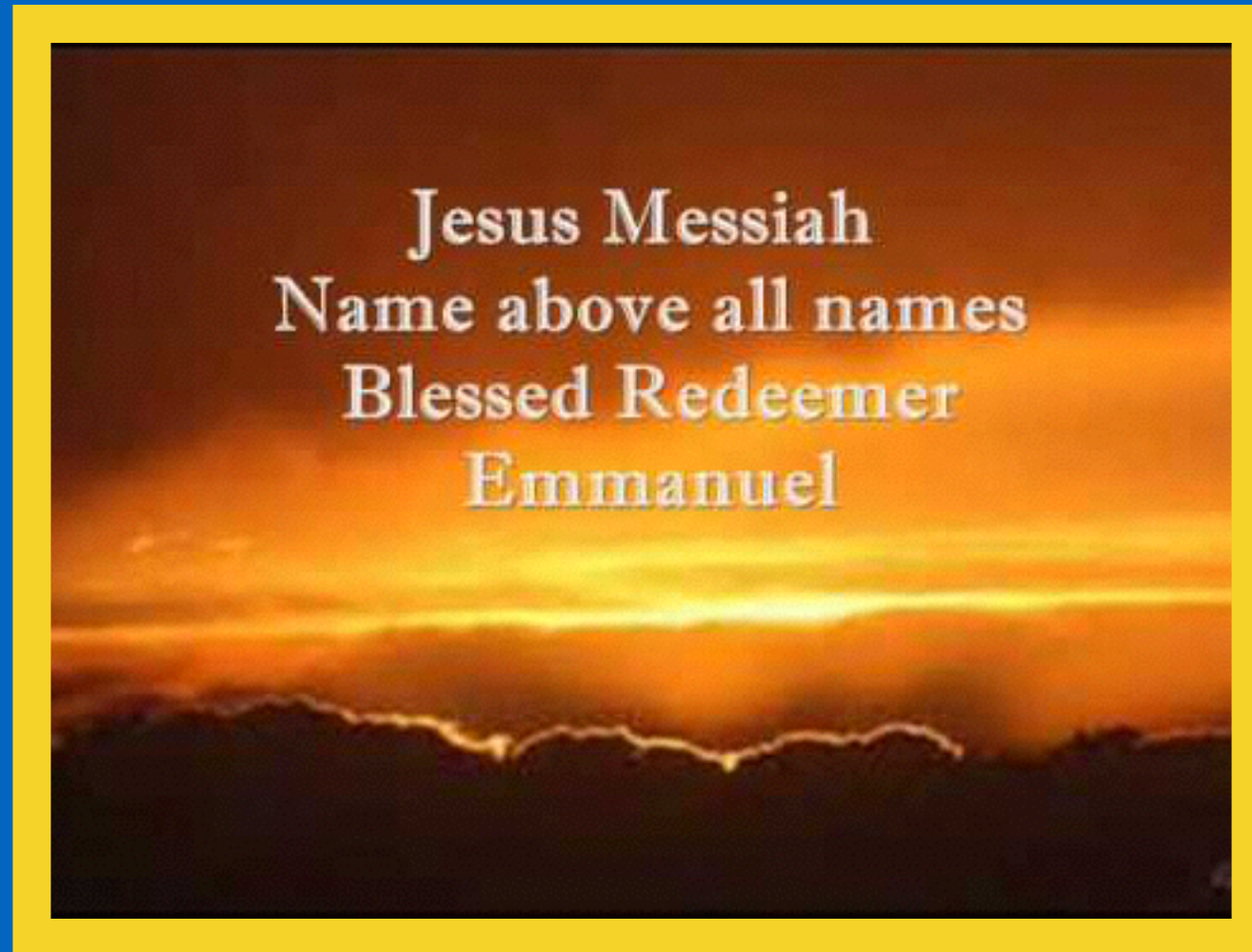
Surprises

God has a plan!



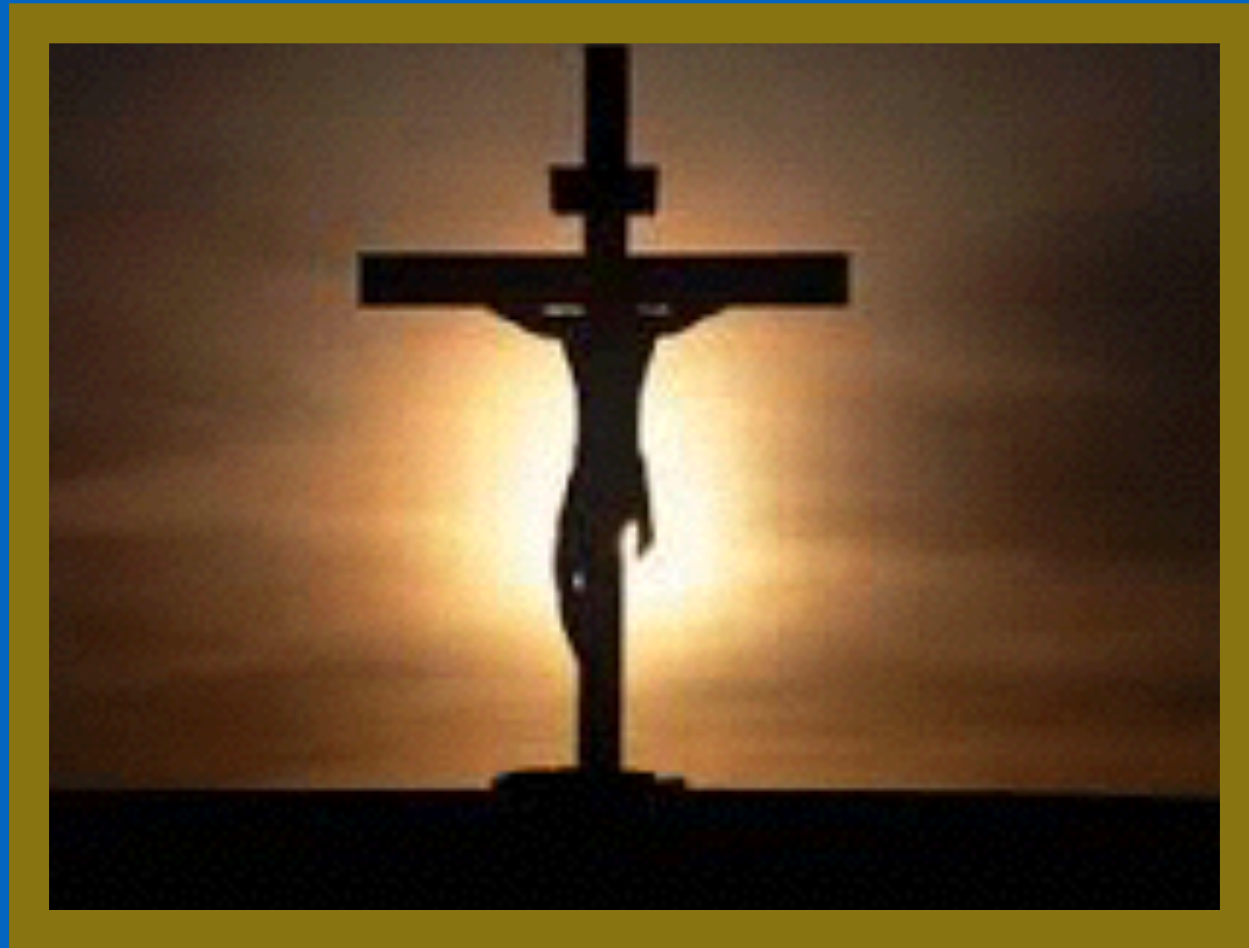
It's bigger and better
than we can imagine.

4 Surprises Revealed



- 1. Jesus is identified as the Messiah.**
Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."
Mark 8:29b

4 Surprises Revealed



2. Jesus will suffer and die.

“And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected ... and be killed...” Mark 8:31a

4 Surprises Revealed



**3. Jesus will rise from the dead.
Jesus will conquer death!**

“...after three days rise again.” Mark 8:31b

4 Surprises Revealed



4. Followers will give up their lives.

- Transformation -

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.” Mark 8:35

Transformation

What do people desire?



Comfort
Control
Consumption

The focus is on *SELF*!

Transformation

**We must die to SELF
so that we may live for CHRIST!**



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Transformation

Therefore the death of self is the open gate to the Kingdom of God.





Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13 Mark 9:2-10 Luke 9:28-36

With whom did Jesus talk?

Moses & Elijah



- * Moses & Elijah were vital in preparing the way for Jesus who is finishing the job of salvation.
- * Only in Luke does it say that the three of them were talking about Jesus' departure or his death.
Note that the Greek word for EXODUS was used reminding us of the exodus from slavery in Egypt and points us to the exodus from the slavery to sin.



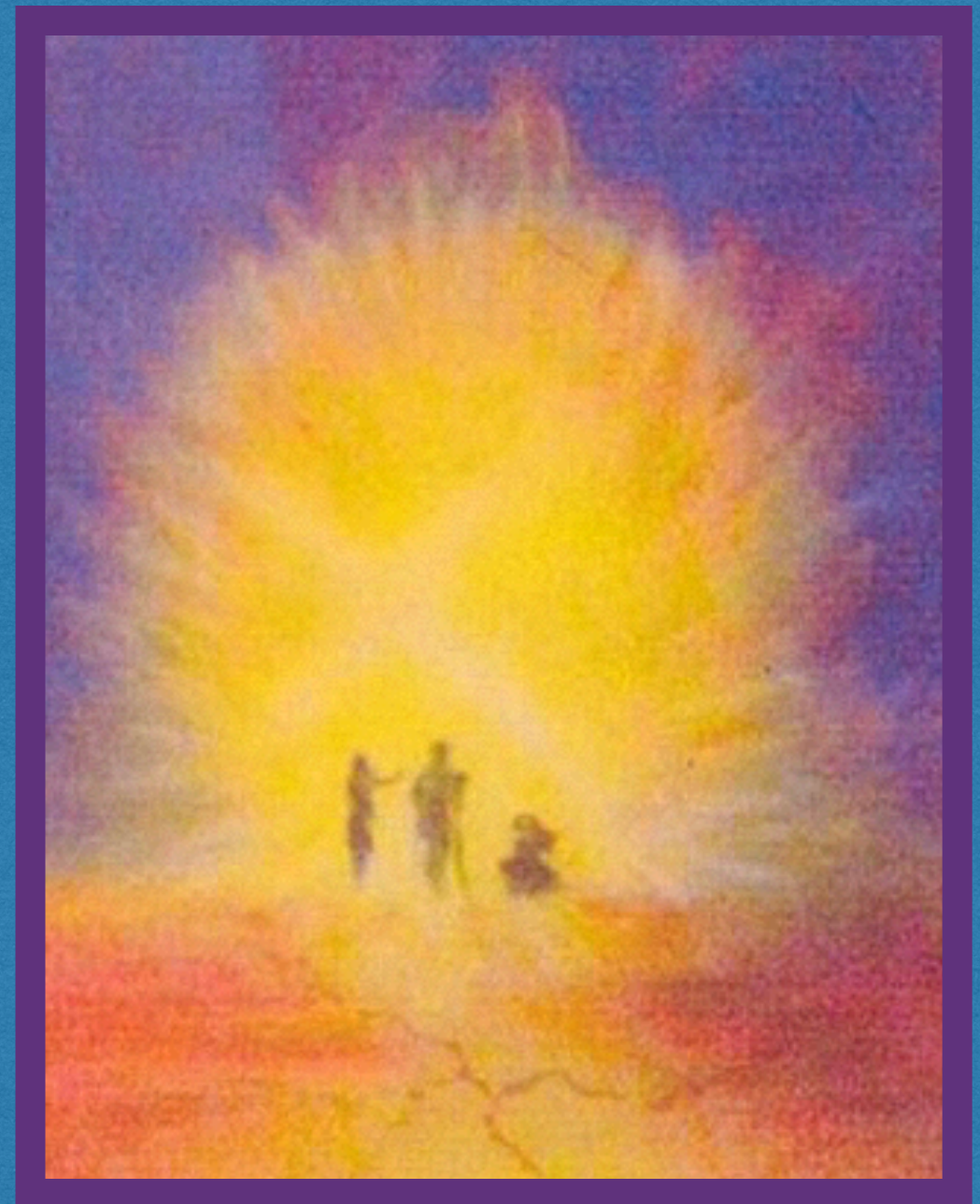
Who were privileged to witness?

Peter, John & James

- * Peter, John, and James were first fishermen who were called by Jesus to follow.
- * NT Wright says that they saw the curtain of ordinary life (people point of view) drawn back to see the fuller reality (God's point of view).
- * They saw proof of Jesus' identity and what he was about to do and that God was in control...not the Romans, Greeks, Pharisees, Satan, or anyone else.

Symbols of God's Glory

- High Mountain
- Appearance of Jesus' face changed
- Shining Garments
- Biblical Patriarchs
- Shadowing Cloud
- Voice from heaven



What did Peter, John & James see?



***The Glory of Jesus'
Sinlessness***

***The Glory of Jesus'
Sonship***

***The Glory of Jesus'
Suffering***

The 3 See the Glory of Jesus' Sinlessness

- * Jesus' clothes were shining because of Christ's inner beauty.
- * Jesus' clothes were white as snow showing his sinlessness.



Thus it is Jesus and only Jesus who has the purity to take on the sins of the world.

The 3 See the Glory of Jesus' Sonship



- * Jesus, Elijah & Moses are enclosed in a cloud of God's presence.
- * God speaks.
- * God affirms Jesus.
In Exodus 19:9 in a cloud over Mt Sinai, God's words gave authority to God's Law and now God's words give authority to Jesus' words.

The 3 See the Glory of Jesus' Suffering

God says
“Listen to
Him.”



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E.F. Hutton Commercial

“When E.F. Hutton speaks, everyone listens.”

The 3 See the Glory of Jesus' Suffering

- * **Jesus' words are God's words! The disciples willingly listen until he starts talking about death, but the disciples must listen and learn.**
- * **The disciples must understand that the Father is working through the Son. This is the story of redemption!**





Cross

Of what is the cross a symbol?

It was a symbol of the State's power over a person's life.
Now it is God's power to overcome death!

It was a symbol of defeat.
Now it is a symbol of victory!

It was a symbol of death.
Now it is a symbol of life!

It was a symbol of selfishness.
Now it is a symbol of selflessness!





Applying the Lesson to Your Life

Think about dying to self
and living for Christ.

**Adopt a habit that encourages
selflessness
and practice it
between now and Easter.**