

“FROM GLORY TO GLORY”

INTRODUCTION

There are many many references in the NT to the “glory” of the Lord. The word “glory” signifies *splendor, radiance, or brightness*. The word “glory” comes from the Greek word *doxa*, which defines the word for us in this way. One verse in the NT uses the term, “From Glory to Glory.” cf 1 Cor. 3:18. This term describes our Lord in His heavenly and earthly existence. Jesus lived in glory before coming to earth, and displayed His glory while on earth, and returned to the glory with the Father. Let’s study Jesus “from glory to glory.”

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, let’s consider Christ’s glory BEFORE COMING TO EARTH.

- A. He refers to the fact that He **had** glory with the Father before coming to earth. John 17:5
 - 1. God is the God of glory, and to be with God was to be in a state of glory. Eph. 1:17
 - 2. Even when Moses communicated with God on Mt. Sinai in the giving of the Ten Commandments, the brightness of God’s glory was SO radiant that Moses’ face shone, and he had to put a veil over his face when he came down from the mount. 2 Cor. 3:6-13
- B. Though Jesus yielded His full glory for a period of time in His earthly mission of salvation, He did manifest His glory upon many occasions while ON earth.

II. 2nd, let’s consider Christ’s glory WHILE ON EARTH.

- A. His glory was first manifested in connection with His birth. Luke 2:4-11 (Read & Discuss)
- B. Christ’s glory was also manifested in His many miracles.
 - 1. One such occasion was His turning water into wine in Cana. John 2:1-11 (Discuss)
 - 2. Isaiah foretold the glory of the Lord in His many miracles. John 12:37-41
- C. Jesus’ glory was also manifested in the resurrection of Lazarus. John 11:1-4, 34, 38-46 (Examine & discuss as needed)
- D. Jesus’ coming as the only begotten Son of God also declared His glory. John 1:14; 3:16
- E. Jesus’ glory was also manifested at His transfiguration on the mount.
 - 1. Matthew, Mark and Luke ALL record the account of the transfiguration when Moses and Elijah appeared to discuss Jesus’ coming death in Jerusalem.
 - 2. Matthew records His glory. Matt. 17:2
 - 3. Mark also records that glory. Mark 9:3
 - 4. Luke also records the glory and identifies it as such. Luke 9:28-32

III. 3rd, let’s consider Christ’s glory AFTER HE LEFT THE EARTH.

- A. Jesus prayed that He would return TO His glory with the Father, as it had been prior to His coming to earth. John 17:5
- B. Christ received glory when He ascended into heaven and was crowned King by the Ancient of Days, as recorded by Daniel. Daniel 7:13-14
- C. Christ continues to receive glory in the existence of the church. Eph. 3:10-11, 21
- D. Christ continues to receive glory in the lives and suffering of Christians on earth. 1 Pet. 4:11-16 (Read & discuss)

IV. 4th, let's consider Christ's glory WHEN HE COMES AGAIN.

A. His coming will be characterized by His glory. Matt., 25:31

B. His judgment will be upon the throne of His glory. Matt. 25:31

CONCLUSION

I. Finally, Christ will be **glorified in all eternity.**

A. His death and the redemption of millions will all have been worthwhile.

B. All the righteous will be with Him and share in His glory. Rom. 8:18; 1 Pet. 5:4

II. Are you ready to meet the Lord of glory?