

NO BACK UP

⁷Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;

- Jesus has embarked on a ministry which will last for 3 ½ years and will so impacting and revolutionary that even today men and women will surrender their lives to him and dedicate themselves to the movement. Thought: Though John did no miracle Herod believed it to be him due to the impacting of John's preaching.

⁸And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

- Jesus will straighten their thinking out later. Immediately Jesus is invoking those identified with great preaching and great miracles.
- Needless to say though in the company of great men he knows eventually he must be known as the only begotten son of God.

⁹And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

- An Age Old Question – Who is this – there was only one notable character of this generation and I beheaded him who is this? The Anti-Christ will appear under the same circumstances and the forerunner is already here. (No hell???)

²⁸And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

- Some things are for just one person, some for three persons, some for 12 persons, some for 70 persons, some for a multitude.

²⁹And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

- There is a change in your countenance when you are continually with God.
- This is another level of manifestation for the sake of those present as well as Jesus. This place is not your home, there is another dimension that exceeds this dimension, the things which are seen are temporal but there is the habitation of the eternal.

³⁰And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

- In case they thought the gossip had some truth to it this ended all speculation.
- God was clarifying and identifying his son's role and distinction from the last move of his spirit.
- God speaks to us today the kingdom order of anointing and greatness.
- They are talking with the manifestation of the word who was before Abraham yet in need of a conversation with eternal beings who at one time been in the flesh.

³¹Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

- Your death will set at liberty those from the time of Adam till now and they that will be born here after
- You are chosen for the marquee moment and dearest assignment the father can ascribe "the propitiation" the redeemer of all mankind. Every name written in the book is dependent on you!

³²But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

- Once again the distinct characteristic of the flesh to drive you unconscious during the most profound times of spiritual encounters. (Have you ever fallen asleep during a boxing match?)
- An angel probably had to slap them on the side of the head because remember Jesus later will at his crucial hour in the garden will say "sleep on"

³³And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

Theological thinking Caps: Why Moses and Why Elijah? God the father was letting the very notable servants while on the earth come from Glory - eternity to let Jesus know succession would not be the same. Men are saying you are one of the prophet and Elijah even by name but succession will not be the same.

- There is no room for your failure such as it was with us.
 - There is no other back up for you as it was for us.
 - You must finish or there is no succession. There will not be another only begotten Son!
- It was good for us to be here? Obviously they were reluctant to come and their expectation was very low so they are confessing and now trying to jump on board!
- God hears their summation of the experience and realizes they have interpreted wrongly and must be instructed to have proper perspective.

³⁴While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

- Just as it was when Peter was fishing and realized it was Jesus there is a natural trepidation of entering into the presence of God knowing our sinful state.

³⁵And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

- There are going to be some changes from what you heard so Moses and Elijah, David, Samuel, cannot be the final litmus test. Hear Him! It is written but I say "The finalization of Kingdom Order"

³⁶And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

- These three must keep a divine secret till the proper time to reveal. Release of truth and its understanding is in the hand of the Father to get the fullest result of its redemptive purpose. (The Cross) prior and after – he would not come down off the cross just to save himself!