



# Glimpse of Glory

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## **No Cross No Glory**

### **A Glory Revealed**

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The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **(Hebrews 1:3)**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **(John 1:14)**

## **An Affirmation Given**

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For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. **(2 Peter 1:16–18)**

## **A Suffering Coming**

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He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **(Mark 8:31)**

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” **(Mark 8:34)**

## **Suffering is the Path to Glory!**

## Glimpse of Glory

1. Share a time or an event when you experienced something you considered glorious. How did it affect you? What is the importance of “glory” in our world today?
2. **Read and discuss Mark 9:2-4:** What visuals come to mind as you hear these verses? What is the significance of these two men?
3. **Read and discuss Hebrews 1:3, John 1:14:** How do these verses apply to the Mark passage? What stands out to you?
4. **Read Mark 9:5-6; Luke 9:33:** What emotion were the disciples experiencing? What do you think Peter meant by putting up three shelters or tents?
5. **Read Mark 9:8-9:** Any idea why God showed up here and in this way? What is the significance of what he had to say? When had God said this before?
6. **Read and discuss 2 Peter 1:16-18:** Why did Peter put all of this in writing? How did this experience impact him?
7. **Read Mark 9:9-13:** What was hard for the disciples to understand about Jesus? Why did they talk about Elijah? Why did Jesus refer to the Son of Man suffering?
8. **Read and discuss Mark 8:31, 34:** How do these verses relate to what happened in Mark 9? What does it mean for us to deny ourselves take up our cross?
9. Do you agree that **Suffering is the Path to Glory?**