

# PORTRAIT OF THE *King*

ADVERSARIES

**“A Preview of Coming Attractions:  
Jesus in His Kingly Glory”**

**MATTHEW 17:1-13**



**KEY POINT:**

**Fellowship with God results in a transformed life.**



SECTION	THEME	EXAMPLES
1-4	Arrival	incarnation (1-2), preparation (3-4)
5-9	Authority	preaching (5-7), power (8-9)
10-12	Ambassadors	charge to the disciples (10), opposition (11-12)
13-17	Adversaries	opposition (13), withdrawal (14-17)
18-23	Administration	instructions for disciples (18-20), conflict with religious leaders (21-23)
24-28	Atonement	passion (24-25), crucifixion, burial and resurrection (26-27), ascension (28)

- I. In His Appearance (vs. 1-2)
- II. In His Testimony (vs. 3-4)
- III. In His Affirmation (vs. 5-6)
- IV. In His Mission (vs. 7-9)
- V. In His Forerunner (vs. 10-13)

**Jesus' Kingly Glory**



I. In His Appearance (vs. 1-2)

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*“<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.”*

**II Peter 1:16-18**



*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son  
from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**John 1:14**







- Mean “to transform” or “to change in a form that is visible to others”
- Used in I Corinthians 15:51-52

**Transfiguration**



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**What Changed at Jesus'  
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- His face changed (Matthew 5:15-16; Luke 17:24; Acts 12:7).
- His clothing changed.

What Changed at Jesus'  
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The Transfiguration was a “transformation from an earthly form into supraterrrestrial before the eyes of His most intimate disciples the human appearance of Jesus was for a moment changed into that of a heavenly being in the transfigured world.”

From *Theological Dictionary of  
the New Testament*



*“<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me,  
and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,  
<sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of  
man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash  
around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white,  
like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of  
fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a  
furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.”*

**Revelation 1:12-15**



- I. In His Appearance (vs. 1-2)
- II. In His Testimony (vs. 3-4)

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- These men are helpful representatives of the entire O.T.
- Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the prophets.
- “The Law and Prophets” was a shortened title for the O.T. (Matthew 11:13; 22:40; Luke 16:16; John 1:45; Acts 13:15; 28:23; Romans 3:21).

**Why Moses and Elijah?**





*“...‘ We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.’” (John 1:45)*

**The Old Testament Testifies  
of Christ**



*“<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled... <sup>22</sup> Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup> And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ <sup>24</sup> And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.” (Acts 3:18, 22-24)*

## **The Old Testament Testifies of Christ**



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Jesus' Kingly Glory



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- The Transfiguration was more about nature confirmation.

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*“that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”*

**II Corinthians 5:19**



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“He took the steps we could not take to remove our own judgment. He sent Christ to suffer in our place. The decisive reconciliation happened ‘while we were enemies.’ Reconciliation from our side is simply to receive what God has already done, the way we receive an infinitely valuable gift.”

**John Piper,**  
*The Passion of Jesus Christ*



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*“<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*

**Malachi 4:5-6**



*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

**II Corinthians 3:18**



“Bible study and theology that do not lead to love for God and a desire to do his will—to worship, tears, laughter, excitement, or sorrow—have gone terribly wrong. True theology leads to love, mission, and doxology (I Timothy 1:5, 7, 17). We should not expect an adrenaline rush every time we study God’s word. We all express our emotions in different ways. But when we study God’s word we should pray that the Spirit of God will not only inform our heads but also inspire our hearts.”

**Tim Chester, *Total Church***

