

Bible Class Notes - Studies on The Lord Jesus - Lesson 151

The Saviour - Confirmed

This week - We learn that The Saviour is confirmed as The Beloved Son of God.

“This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.”
Matthew 17v5

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 17v1-18 (“This is My beloved Son”)	
Monday	Matthew 17v19-27 (The Lord foretells His death)	
Tuesday	2 Peter 1 (Peter remembers Christ’s Transfiguration)	
Wednesday	1 Peter 1 (A reserved inheritance, incorruptible)	
Thursday	Philippians 2v1-15 (Christ laid aside His glory)	
Friday	John 17v1-12 (Christ as Saviour is glorified)	
Saturday	John 17v13-26 (Christ prays for His Elect People)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Why did the Lord lay aside His Glory when He came to earth as a Man? Our lesson today gives us a glimpse of Christ’s eternal glory. Yet, He hid his glory when He became a man in order to show His Father’s glory. *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him”* (John 1:18). When Old Testament believers witnessed an appearance of Christ, they were fearful for their lives, knowing that, as sinners, they could not look upon God and live. So, it was necessary for Christ to hide his glory, temporarily setting aside His just judgement, to accomplish what He came to earth to do - to die to save souls. He took the punishment of our sin-guilt upon Himself. In anticipation of the cross, He prayed, *“And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was”*. (John 17:5). We read in *Philippians 2v6,7* of Christ, *‘Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.’* At the end of time, Christ will return in all His Glory as Saviour and as Judge. **Are you ready?**

Hymn 203 - Recognition that the glorious Lord Jesus is The Word of God, God the Eternal Son.

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| 1. Thou art the everlasting Word,
The Father’s only Son;
God manifestly seen and heard,
And Heaven’s beloved One. | 2. In Thee most perfectly expressed
The Father’s glories shine;
Of the full Deity possessed,
Eternally divine. |
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Worthy, O Lamb of God, art Thou, That, every to Thee should bow.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Saviour Confirmed - Christ’s Transfiguration.

- Peter writes (years afterwards) that he witnessed this event. 2 Peter 1v17 James and John also witnessed it - as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Peter.
- **What an Amazing Thing Happened on the Mount!**
The disciples were given great comfort as they now understood that the Lord’s plan was to be crucified to save lost sinners. This experience gave real meaning to Peter’s recent words, *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”*. *Matthew 16v16*
 - **What did they see?** - The Lord transfigured - in all His glory, holiness, purity. They saw the Lord as He really is - as the Lord of Glory, as He is in Heaven. Soon they would hear the Lord pray, *“Father, ..., glorify thy Son.”* *John 17 v1*
 - **Who did they see?** - Moses and Elijah - Representing The Law and Prophets. Confirming that Christ kept the Law of God and was the promised Saviour.
 - **What did they do?** - Peter’s immediate thought was to make 3 memorials.
 - **What did they hear?** - From a gloriously bright cloud the voice of God said, *“This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him.”* *Matthew 17v5* God was making it very clear to them, **and to us**, that this is His eternal Son; the One who He would accept as a perfect substitute for sinners on Calvary. The disciples fell to the ground in terror and alarm, bowed in awe and respect.

Have we been humbled to recognise Jesus Christ as the Son of God Who came to save?

- **What Can We Learn From This Amazing Event?**
 - **The Lord confirms Himself to be the Eternal God**, the second Person of the Triune God - Saviour to all who put their trust in Him, including us today. *Come to Him today, praying, “Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief”*. *Mark 9v4*
 - **The Lord knows what lies ahead.** He knew that He had to go to Jerusalem, to face the agony in Gethsemane, before He gave Himself to be crucified. Soon His disciples would watch His arrest, false trial, beating, and crucifixion, and this experience on the mountain would prepare them for these dark days. *Is there any other guide or friend in life who would kindly bear our needs in mind?*
 - **We must hear Him and believe.** This is a message of God from Heaven - Leave behind the conflicting and doubtful advice of this world, and join others who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, the powerful, eternal Son of God.

**Say to Him, ‘Jesus, I will trust Thee,
Trust without a doubt,
Whosoever cometh
Thou wilt not cast out.** **Faithful is Thy promise,
Precious is Thy blood:
These my soul’s salvation,
Thou my Saviour, God’.**

‘Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.’
Hebrews 12v2