

Jesus Only!

Text: Matthew 17: 1-8 ESV

“And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And HE was *t*ransfigured before them, and HIS face shone like the sun, and HIS clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with HIM. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for *E*lijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and *t*ouched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”

See Post Notes: Mark 9: 2-8, Luke 9: 28-36, 2 Peter 1: 16-18

The Hook: The Unique society of JESUS ONLY”

“And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” (vs. 8) Oh, these 2 last words, Jesus Only. What glorious words, Jesus only!

This experience was amazing and wonderful beyond description just as when Moses saw God’s glory pass him by, causing his face to shine God’s reflected glory long after the moment, and when Elijah met God on the mountain and heard HIS voice. Exodus 33: 21-23 & 1 Kings 19: 11-13 (see Post Notes). They could not help telling others about this experience. It remained with them throughout their whole lives. 2 Peter 1: 16-18 (see Post Notes)

When Peter saw our LORD with Moses and Elijah, he exclaimed, “Lord, it is good that we are here.” (vs. 4), as if to imply that it was better to be with Moses, Elijah and Jesus than to be with JESUS ONLY.

Now, it was wonderful that Peter should have, once in his life, see Jesus transfigured with these two Biblical representatives of The Law and The Prophets. God had given the Law through Moses, and Elijah was an important prophet. Together they signify that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecy and law.

It might be that, for that occasion, the best sight he ever could see, but Peter soon discovered something thunderously amazing! As the luminous cloud over-shadowed him, and the voice they heard out of heaven soon made Peter and the other 2 disciples extremely afraid!!!! So afraid that they all fell face down on the ground!!! They probably fainted in terror!! (vs. 6)

We will soon discover that the best thing for Peter wasn’t the excessive glory of the transfiguration, or the holy company of saints plunked suddenly in their midst, it was the “unique society of JESUS ONLY”!!!!

It is very easy for us to get carried away with experiences, mystical or divine, and to be honest, some are good and helpful. Exciting experiences and ravishing moments can be useful for refreshment for our hungry souls, but I do want to challenge us today to remember that NOTHING can replace or duplicate the delightful, ordinary fellowship with JESUS ONLY. Remember, JESUS + nothing = EVERYTHING!!!!

Fellowship with JESUS ONLY ought to, should, and truly MUST be the distinguishing mark of all our Christian Life. Please note that! JESUS + nothing = EVERYTHING!!!!

As the disciples ascended the mountain with JESUS ONLY, and as they went back again to the multitude with JESUS ONLY they were in very good company!

When Christ was in HIS daily comings and goings, in HIS ordinary attire, without the dazzle, and HIS clothes all smudged with dust from the long walk, HE was every bit as glorious, and HIS company just as Holy and beneficial!

JESUS ONLY is, after all, a whole better thing than Jesus PLUS Moses and Elijah. JESUS ONLY, as the common Jesus, the Christ of every day, the man walking amongst us communing in wonderful fellowship with HIS disciples.

This morning, I am going to dwell on this simple sight... JESUS ONLY, Christ alone. HE is all the Saviour we need or should want!! To be enthralled by God’s grace and majesty, you must see JESUS ONLY! To be redeemed and transformed you must see JESUS ONLY!

Now let me explore with you some alternatives. Let me ask, “What if.....?”

The Book 1: What If...?

What if they had seen no-one on the holy mountain, , nobody but themselves when the cloud overshadowed them and they were terrified? Then they might have lifted up their eyes and found the entire vision melted into thin air, vanishing, poof! Like bubbles! What if there were No Moses, No Elijah, No Jesus? In such a case it would have been a sorry situation, sad by every comparison. It would have been like those in a desert who see an oasis and reach out for water, and, poof!, it's gone! It's all a mirage! They would have gone back down the mountainside that day asking no questions, receiving no instruction, for they would have had no teacher to teach them! They would have descended the mountainside to encounter the multitude and just stood defeated before the crowd.

Why? Because they would have had no champion to espouse or uphold their cause! There would have been no-one to drive out the doubt and pain of bitter questions.

They would have gone down among the scribes and Pharisees to be buffeted and baffled by their crafty and cunning questions, and been defeated by the "wisdom of this world".

Why? Because they would have had no wise man or teacher who spoke as Jesus did. "“No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards replied.” John 7: 46 No-one could untie the knots and disentangle the snarls of controversy and conspiracy the way that Jesus did. The disciples would have been like sheep without a shepherd (“When HE saw the crowds, HE had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9: 36) if there had been no JESUS ONLY!

The disciples would have reckoned it an unhappy day on which they saw the transfiguration because having seen it, having been led to marvelous thoughts of it, and excited with the great expectation of it, all would have just disappeared like foam on the waters!

There are many in the world like this today. Something like this has actually happened! Some under a great teaching, sermon, or upon hearing the Gospel message or reading The Word of God were, for a time delighted, thrilled, exhilarated, lifted and carried to joy; then, after, when it was over, had nothing left of joy or benefit, nothing left of all that was said or preached! The whole experience had been a splendid thing, a splendid vision... and nothing more, nothing left, no Moses, no Elijah, and no Jesus! How sad!

This sometimes happens. It happens to the world of mankind. They hear the Gospel message, but they just can't get the jist or reality of it. They listen to the Gospel histories as if they were legends of ancient times, and nothing more. Many hear the stories of miracles, but do not see the relationship to themselves. Some come occasionally to an Easter or Christmas Service, but have no understanding of their meaning. They may uphold the heroic deeds done in the past by faithful martyrs, but do not understand why they suffered. They go on day by day and don't believe in anything! It is all just shadows that have passed across the scene of time and disappeared!!!

But, what of Jesus and HIS Gospel? For many in the world there is nothing the New Testament to help or positively affect this techno-age, this so-called "enlightened" 21st Century!!! With all their gaggle of google gadgets, they fail to see the benefit of the unique society of JESUS ONLY!!!!

My brothers and sisters, we on the other hand, have the blessing of The LORD! We can say that there abides with us our LORD JESUS!!! Right now, HE is with us, and will always be with us, even to the end of the world!!! "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 20

Christ's existence is not some legend confined to antiquity, some myth from days gone by. By HIS Spirit HE is actually in HIS church! HE is here even now!! We have seen HIM though not with eyes. We have heard HIM though not with ears! We have grasped HIM! "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy," 1 Peter 1: 8

By faith we have seen HIM!!!

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life." 1 John 1:1,

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to HIM must believe that HE exists and that HE rewards those who earnestly seek HIM." Hebrews 11: 6,

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5: 7

We have with us today Jesus, our friend, to whom we make know our secrets, and who bears all our sorrows. "Surely HE took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered HIM punished by God, stricken by HIM, and afflicted." Isaiah 53: 4

We have Jesus our "Interpreting Instructor" who still reveals HIS sweet things to us, and leads us into the mind and name of GOD. "and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you," 1 Peter 1: 4

We have Jesus still with us to supply us with strength."He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. "Isaiah 40: 29

In His power we are still mighty. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." Ephesians 6: 10

We confess HIS reigning Sovereignty in the church, and we receive HIS all-sufficient comfort. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1: 4

Hear me! The church is not decapitated. Jesus is her head and HE abides in vital union with her LORD and Saviour Who is all sufficient. "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in HIM all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through HIM and for HIM. HE is before all things, and in HIM all things hold together. And HE is the head of the body, the church; HE is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything HE might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all HIS fullness dwell in HIM," Colossians 1: 15-19

Hear me! Jesus is no myth to us!!!!

Whatever HE may be to others "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1: 18.

HE is no "Casper, the friendly ghost". You can't just turn HIM on and be tickled whenever you choose. HE is no dead hero. HE is alive and vibrant.

My friends, there is a Christ, and though others may not see HIM, yet, we, believing in Him rejoice with unspeakable joy! "Though you have not seen HIM, you love HIM; and even though you do not see HIM now, you believe in HIM and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy," 1 Peter 1: 8

Oh, I pray that it shall never be with us that as we go about our life and work or school that our faith should melt into fiction and become nothing more than mere sentiment, memory or a dream! May our faith always be a matter of fact, a walking with the living and abiding Saviour! "HE will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1: 8

Christ is our LORD who abides forevermore!!! "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever" John 14: 16

What if they had seen Moses only? What a wonderful thought! The face of Moses would have shone, his very person would have wowed and awed them, like seeing Brad Pitt maybe! Oh to have seen the man who stood toe to toe with Pharaoh, the man who had spoken with God "face to face". "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent." Exodus 33:11 The Lord also rested with Moses in a solemn retreat for 40 days at a time. "Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments." Exodus 34: 28

But, who would exchange the cold moonbeams of Moses and the Law for the sunny rays of the Saviour's divine love and affection. It would make a very unhappy exchange, to lose their Master, Whose name is Love in exchange for a leader whose name is Law. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4: 8

Moses, the man of God, can never be compared with Jesus, the Son of God!! Yet my friends, there are many who see Moses only. Even after all the glorious Gospel that has been proclaimed in the world, and the holy declaration of the previous doctrines of grace and holiness every Sabbath day, even after the clear expounding of the scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit in men's hearts, there remain many who persist in seeing nothing but the Law and no-one but Moses only.

What I mean for you to understand my friends is this: There are many who see nothing but shadows still. There are many who see the system, not the grace of the system. There are many who see the external not the internal love of The Father, standing at the gate waiting "So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15: 20 There are many who delight in the outward ordinances, the rituals, the ceremonies, the postures and poses they perform as a spiritual service. There are many who regard one place more holy above any others.

They make you believe that it is not Jesus Only, but it is Custom only, or tradition only, or outward performance only, or strict observance and adherence only. Many are turning to Islam and embracing Sharia Law.

It is a sad reality that many talk of Jesus, but virtually, in reality, see Moses and Moses only.

It would be an unhappy thing if the Christian Church could ever be duped out of the priceless boon and wealth which faith wins from her Living Lord in HIS fullness of grace and truth to scamper back to the beggarly,

poverty-stricken elements of fleshly, carnal ordinances. "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 It would be an unhappy day indeed if counterfeits of legal shadows should supplant Gospel fact and substance. "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4: 20 We therefore see something better than Moses only!!

Oh, that many would get beyond the Mount Sinai where law rules (Exodus 20 – the 10 commandments) and come to Mount Calvary where grace reigns, where God in vengeance is clearly seen, but also where God in mercy fills the throne. Oh, how blessed it is to escape from the voice of commands and threats and to come to the blood-sprinkles throne where JESUS ONLY speaks greater things.

Some have had a better vision once, maybe now and then, under the preaching of the Gospel, they see glimpses of grace and mercy, but soon after they relapse into darkness and fall into despair because they have chosen to see Moses only.

What if they had seen Elijah only? Instead of the gentle Saviour, they might have been standing at the side of the rough and ready, high-spirited Elijah. Instead of the Lamb of God, they would have had only the Lion who roared like the voice of God's own majesty in the midst of sinful and obstinate Israel. "But concerning Israel HE says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." Romans 10: 21. Elijah would have consumed his foes, the Pharisees, who like the priests of Baal would have found a speedy end. "Then Elijah commanded them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Don't let anyone get away!" They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered them there." 1 Kings 18:40. Herod's blood, like Ahab's, would have been licked up by dogs. "They washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria (where the prostitutes bathed), and the dogs licked up his blood, as the word of The Lord had declared." 1 Kings 22:38.

But, all this whirlwind of power would have been a poor exchange for the gracious omnipotence of the "Friend of Sinners". "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." " Matthew 11:19 Who would prefer the slayer of priests to the Slayer of sin and Saviour of men? Now that is a amazing thing! The top of Mount Carmel was glorious when it's intercession brought rain for Israel, yet how poor it is compared with Gethsemane, whose proceedings bring eternal life to countless millions. Wake up, Oh church, and pray for the lost souls of this world.

In company with Jesus we are at the oasis of Elim where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees. (Exodus 15:27). Who would choose to exchange the excellency of Olivet and remain with Elijah in the wilderness beneath the stunted Junipers, and yet I hear many who pray to see Elijah only. Prophecies of future woe fascinate them more than thoughts of precious salvation!!

Our Lord interpreted the prophecy of Elijah as referring to John the Baptist. "**Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.**" Matthew 17: 13

There are many who who never get so far as to behold The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, "**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** John 1: 29. They do not hear the voice from heaven crying, though their conscience is thrilled by the voice crying in the wilderness. "**a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for The Lord, make straight paths for HIM".** " Mark 1:3

Some souls hear Elijah's challenge, "**Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If The Lord is God, follow HIM; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.**" 1 Kings 18: 21. they remain stayed and still between 2 opinions, trembling before Elijah, and failing to rejoice before The Saviour!!!!

So many souls are unhappy, so near to The Kingdom, and yet just outside of it! They sit so near to The Feast, but still perishing for the lack of The Living Bread!!!! "**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**" John 6:5

To have a sense of sin is not the same thing as being pardoned!! You must repent! You must come to Christ and surrender! The keys of heaven do not hang on the girdle of John the Baptist! Elijah is not the Door of Salvation! Wondering about Christ is not Having Christ!!!! Despair about sin is not regeneration! Doubt is not repentance!

Hear me! Only by faith in Jesus can you be saved!!!! "**Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh**

gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'" John 3: 5-7 I will never stop saying it! You MUST be born again! JESUS ONLY can save you! **"Jesus answered, 'I am The way and The Truth and The Life. No one comes to the Father except through ME'".** John 14: 6

JESUS ONLY is the sinner's Saviour. Oh, that your eyes may be opened, not to see Elijah, not to see Moses, but to see JESUS ONLY!!!!

What if they had seen Moses and Elijah with Jesus, just like in the transfiguration? (vs. 8)

At first glance this seems a fantastic thing, a thing that even seems superior to everything we have looked at today! Imagine walking down the mountain with this blessed trio! What a privilege!!! How strong and how mighty would this have been for the accomplishment of divine purposes? Moses could teach The Law and make men tremble! Then Jesus could follow with HIS gospel of Grace and Truth. Elijah could flash the thunderbolt in their faces, and then Christ could uplift their humble spirits! Would this not have been delightful, and the connection inspiring? Would not the assemblage of such a trio be like the X-Men or the Avengers, in 3-D Colour even!!!

I think NOT!!!!

It is a vastly better thing to see JESUS ONLY, than to see Moses and Elijah with Jesus.

Why do we need to see Moses? The ceremonials are all fulfilled in JESUS ONLY. The Law is honoured and fulfilled in JESUS ONLY. Let Moses go. His light is already in JESUS ONLY!!!

Why do we need to see Elijah? Let him go. All glory is already seen in JESUS ONLY!!!

Freedom is in JESUS ONLY!!!

"What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But, when the set time had fully come, God sent HIS Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of HIS Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are HIS child, God has made you also an heir." Galatians 4: 1-7

You see, JESUS ONLY indicates something wonderful! It is a sign of higher growth when we can see JESUS ONLY. As you grow in grace you will find that many doctrines are important, but NONE are as important as Christ Himself. That is the all-crowning doctrine to which I aspire. Christ is all! It is seeing JESUS ONLY!!!!

As we grow in grace, other things sink as Jesus rises in our hearts. The other things must decrease and JESUS ONLY must increase until JESUS ONLY fills the full horizon of your soul. **"HE must become greater; I must become less."** John 3: 30

The Book II: What Actually Did Happen?

The disciples saw no-one, but JESUS ONLY! (VS. 8)

Firstly, JESUS ONLY was their comfort. They were terrified, afraid, totally freaked out! Moses was gone and could give no comfort, Elijah was gone and could give no helpful word or advice.

Yet when the voice of JESUS ONLY spoke and said, "Be not afraid.", their fears instantly vanished! It is so amazing!!! All the comfort, then, that any troubled heart needs, it can find in JESUS ONLY!!!!

So, don't go to Moses. Don't go to Elijah. Don't go to the Old Testament covenants and laws. Don't go to the prophesies.

Go, my friend, go straight to Christ Alone. Go to JESUS ONLY!!!

JESUS ONLY was all the Saviour they wanted and needed. The three disciples all needed washing from sin. They all needed to be kept and held on their way. But, neither Moses nor Elijah could wash away their sins. Neither Moses nor Elijah could have kept them from returning to it.

But, Praise God!!! JESUS ONLY could cleanse them, and HE did!!!! JESUS ONLY could hold and keep them, and HE did!

Have you seen JESUS ONLY lately?

JESUS ONLY could lead them, brethren, JESUS ONLY is all the Saviour we should want.

Oh, the counterfeits of today, the holy mimics offering services to woo the world. Oh, the spiritual guides yanking people under more weights than ever.

But, we than Heaven, we have seen JESUS ONLY!!!!

The new trend today is to have Jesus PLUS something else, but JESUS ONLY is enough.

JESUS ONLY is enough for our comfort no matter which denomination you are in.

Secondly, JESUS ONLY was their Master. “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6: 24

Brethren, when these disciples had no leader but JESUS ONLY to give them guidance, JESUS ONLY to give them direction, JESUS ONLY to command them, the call of JESUS ONLY was enough for them!!!!

JESUS ONLY in the day of battle was their captain. **“For it became HIM, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make The Captain of their salvation perfect through (HIS) sufferings.”** Hebrews 2:9 JESUS ONLY in the day of difficulty was their sole direction, solace and ever-lasting balm. They wanted no-one but JESUS ONLY!!!!

Today, my friends, we have no master, but Jesus. JESUS ONLY!

We bow to no-one, but our Lord, and our Master, JESUS ONLY! Not to Ceasar, Not to a leader of some great sect, not even to some phenomenal leader in Christianity, but JESUS ONLY.

JESUS ONLY is our Master, and JESUS ONLY is enough.

Is JESUS ONLY your Master, my friend? Is HE your Master today? Is JESUS ONLY your Master?

The disciples did not need to beg or borrow from Moses or Elijah for strength for the day. They did not need to debate and barter with Moses and Elijah for wisdom to meet the day. JESUS ONLY would give them of HIS Holy Spirit and they would be strong enough and wise enough for every task, work, situation and enterprise laid before them.

My friends, it is the same for you! All the power you and I need is in JESUS ONLY!!!! Strength to finish the task! Strength to go the journey! Strength to embark in ministry! Wisdom and strength to guide souls in the way of salvation! **“Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for HIM.”** Isaiah 64: 4

JESUS ONLY will anoint you with HIS Spirit and you shall have strength and wisdom from on high so that you can do great things and prevail, even in a time such as this!

Let the thought of JESUS ONLY fill your intellect, and soak in your emotions. Let us get a sight of the thorn-crowned head, and those dear eyes, all red from weeping, and those sweet cheeks bruised and battered by the scoffers fists. Let us look into the tender heart that was broken with griefs too huge to bare, and see the love of Christ which constrains us. **“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”** 2 Corinthians 5:14

Oh, to serve JESUS ONLY worthily, to honour HIS Holy Name! Oh to fall before HIM!

Here is the stimulus sufficient for pilgrims, martyrs, and anyone who has confessed. What is it? JESUS ONLY!!!!

JESUS ONLY was their reward. **“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when HE appears, we will be like HIM, because we will see HIM just as HE is.”** 1 John 3: 2 What a great reward, to see JESUS ONLY in HIS full glory!

No other bliss can run so rampant in your soul! Your soul can not conceive of such heavenly bliss!!!!

“However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love HIM—“ 1 Corinthians 2: 9

The Lord grant that we may have a fullness of this, and JESUS ONLY shall be our total delight throughout eternity!!!

The Took:

In Conclusion

All that I desire for my fellow believers, and for myself, is that more and more nothing but JESUS ONLY should be the wonderful object of our every thought, motive and action. May everything we think and do be bathed in JESUS ONLY!

I believe that whenever our faith is most full of Christ, when it most lived, downright and drenched with possibilities for the under-privileged, it always gets nearest to JESUS ONLY!!!

I can say, without reservation, that whenever I am in deepest sorrow, nothing will do for me, but JESUS ONLY!!!!!!

I can find some degree of solace or rest in externals of religion, in our denomination, in the manuals and policies that follow upon each other. But Brethren, I retreat to the citadel of our most Holy Faith, namely to the very heart of Christ when my spirit is betrayed by temptation, or overcome by perplexities, I must call to the very center of my faith and connect with JESUS ONLY! Jesus is all I need!!!

The most awesome and divine of all joys must be found in JESUS ONLY!

All I want to labour on, I must live on JESUS ONLY!
If I desire to suffer patiently, I must feed on JESUS ONLY!
If I wish to wrestle with God successfully, I must plead JESUS ONLY!
If I aspire to conquer sin, I must use the blood of JESUS ONLY! ``**but if we walk in the Light**

as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.`` 1John 1: 7 ``**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**`` Hebrews 9: 22

If I pant to learn the mysteries of Heaven, I must seek the teachings of JESUS ONLY!

I Strongly believe that anything which we add to Christ lowers our position and that the more elevated our soul becomes, the more completely everything else will sink and JESUS ONLY will be our first and last, and world without end. **“But Israel will be saved by The Lord with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting.”** Isaiah 45: 17

JESUS ONLY should be the Alpha and Omega of every thought and pulse of every heart.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners! **“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”** 1 Timothy 1: 15 There is Life in a look!!! Take a look at Jesus! Look to JESUS ONLY!!

Jesus is enough to comfort and enough to save you! Jesus is enough to guide you and HE is enough for the church today!!! **“Now to HIM who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to HIS power that is at work within us, to HIM be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”** Ephesians 3; 20-21

May GOD grant us grace to make our motto in this life, our hope in death and our joy in eternity, JESUS ONLY!!!!!! HE is all the Saviour we want!

Is HE your Saviour?

I don't want to be luke-warm! **“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”** Revelations 3: 16

I want to hear, “Well Done.” **““His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ “** Matthew 25:21

Let us live for JESUS ONLY!!!!

Post Notes:

The Transfiguration:

- **Mark 9: 2-8** “Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain by themselves. While they watched, Jesus’ appearance was changed [transformed; transfigured]. His clothes became shining white, whiter than any person could make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter did not know what to say, because he and the others were so frightened. Then a cloud came and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is MY Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!” Suddenly Peter, James, and John looked around, but they saw only Jesus there alone with them.”

- **Luke 9: 28-36** “About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about His departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.”

- 2 Peter 1: 16-18 “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.”

Exodus 33: 21-23 - “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When MY glory passes that place, I will put you in a large crack in the rock and cover you with MY hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away MY hand, and you will see MY back. But MY face must not be seen.”

1 Kings 19: 11- 13 - “ The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for The Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before The Lord, but The Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but The Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but The Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.”

Exodus 20: “And God spoke all these words: “I am The Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before ME. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, The Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate ME, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love ME and keep MY commandments. “You shall not misuse the name of The Lord your God, for The Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses HIS name. “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to The Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days The Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but HE rested on the seventh day. Therefore The Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land The Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. Then The Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: Do not make any gods to be alongside ME; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold. ‘Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause MY Name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an altar of stones for ME, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. and do not go up to MY altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.’