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²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

Matthew 16:22-17:9 NLT

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²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, “**Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.**”

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- ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.
- ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.
- ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?
- ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.
- ²⁸ And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.”

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¹ Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone.

² As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

³ Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.

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⁴ Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it’s wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I’ll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵ But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.”

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The Transfiguration prepared the disciples for the cross by demonstrating that Jesus' upcoming *suffering* was not incompatible with his *glory*.

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⁶ The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

⁷ Then Jesus came over and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

⁸ And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus.

⁹ As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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He resists ***suffering***.

He misunderstands ***glory***.



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