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Mark's Gospel, chapter 8

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This man [Paul] is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.

Future Glory (9:2-8)

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When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud.

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Exodus 24:15-16 (emphasis mine)

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Voice from cloud	9:7	24:15-18

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Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die.

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“I have had enough Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

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Moses is *reflecting* God's glory,
Jesus is *radiating* God's glory.

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While he [Peter] was still speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped 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.”

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Jesus is the reason we can persevere through suffering, because we know glory is coming.

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The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret...

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And surely from this point of view the promise of glory becomes highly relevant to our deepest desire.

For glory means good [rapport] with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things ...

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then our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy but the truest index of our real situation...

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At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door... but all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumor that it will not always be so. Some day, God willing, we shall get in.

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C. S. Lewis “The Weight of Glory”

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Jesus gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Present Suffering (9:9-13)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

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He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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Isaiah 9:6-7

Present Suffering (9:9-13)

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...

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yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was cursed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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Isaiah 53:3-5

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“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

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Malachi 4:5-6

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Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

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Luke 1:16-17

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.