

# Luke 9:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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After the Father's voice declared, "This is my beloved Son: hear him" (v. 35), the glory vanished—heurethē Iēsous monos (εὐρέθη Ἰησοῦς μόνος, "Jesus was found alone"). The verb heurethē (was found) suggests the cloud lifted and Jesus stood solitary—Moses and Elijah were gone, the radiance faded. This emphasizes Christ's supremacy—Law and Prophets testified to Him, then departed, leaving only Jesus. He alone is the final revelation (Hebrews 1:1-2).

The phrase **they kept it close** (esigēsan, ἐσίγησαν, "they were silent") indicates deliberate silence—not confusion but obedience. Mark 9:9 records Jesus commanded them to tell no one until after the resurrection. The reason: **in those days** (ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις)—before the cross and resurrection, proclaiming Jesus' glory would fuel false Messianic expectations of political revolution. Only after resurrection would the suffering-then-glory pattern be comprehensible. The disciples' obedient silence protected the gospel from distortion.

## Historical Context

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The Messianic secret is a recurring theme in the Gospels—Jesus commanded silence about His identity and miracles to prevent premature popular movements. First-century Jewish Messianic expectations were militaristic and nationalistic—

Messiah would overthrow Rome and restore David's kingdom. If crowds learned Jesus was the glorified Messiah before He explained the cross, they would attempt to make Him king by force (John 6:15). The disciples themselves struggled to accept a suffering Messiah (Peter rebuked Jesus for predicting death, Matthew 16:22). Only after resurrection did they understand—Messiah must suffer before reigning (Luke 24:25-27). The Transfiguration sustained the inner three through the crucifixion trauma and validated their post-resurrection preaching.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the disappearance of Moses and Elijah, leaving Jesus alone, teach about His supremacy over Law and Prophets?
2. Why did Jesus command silence about the Transfiguration until after the resurrection, and what does this teach about proper gospel proclamation?
3. How does the pattern of suffering-then-glory revealed in the Transfiguration correct contemporary expectations of Christianity without the cross?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	γενέσθαι	τὴν	φωνὴν	εὐρέθη	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς
And	in	G3588	G1096	G3588	when the voice	was found	G3588	Jesus
G2532	G1722				G5456	G2147		G2424
μόνος	καὶ	αὐτοὶ	ἐσίγησαν	καὶ	οὐδὲν	ἀπήγγειλαν	ἐν	
alone	And	they	kept it close	And	any	told	in	
G3441	G2532	G846	G4601	G2532	G3762	G518	G1722	
ἐκείναις	ταῖς	ἡμέραις	οὐδὲν	ᾧ	ἐώρακασιν			
those		G3588	days	any	of those things which	they had seen		
G1565			G2250	G3762	G3739	G3708		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 17:9** (References Jesus): And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.