

Matthew 17:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

Analysis

Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

Historical Context

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?
2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?
3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

Interlinear Text

ἐπάραντες	δὲ	τοὺς	ὀφθαλμοὺς	αὐτῶν	οὐδένα
when they had lifted up	And	G3588	eyes	G846	no man
G1869	G1161		G3788		G3762
εἶδον	εἰ	μὴ	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	μόνον
they saw	G1487	G3361	G3588	Jesus	only
G1492				G2424	G3441

Additional Cross-References

Mark 9:8 (Salvation): And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

Luke 9:36 (References Jesus): And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.