

## **LIVING IN THE FUTURE, NOW (Matthew 17:1-9)**

**INTRO:** *Movie: “Back to the Future”*

### **I. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS IS A GLIMPSE INTO GOD’S FUTURE**

- A. Peter wanted to preserve the moment: The future is now!**  
(vv. 1-4)
- B. But Peter was mistaken: The future had not fully come**  
(v. 9)
- C. Peter learned: Knowledge of the future creates an awesome responsibility in the present (v. 6)**

### **II. KNOWING GOD’S FUTURE, WE HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY NOW**

- A. Yet, we must confess: All we do, say, plan in the present is not shaped by God’s future.**
- B. God’s future includes a descent into the valley, a future we cannot bear.**

### **III. JESUS KNEW OUR FUTURE, & THIS COMPELLED HIM TO DEEDS OF GLORY FOR US**

- A. He gave up the glories of heaven, for us (Philippians 2:6-7)**
- B. He showed us God’s true glory at the manger (Luke 2:9-11)**
- C. He let us touch God’s glory as He walked our earth**  
(John 1:14)
- D. His true work of glory was done at the cross (John 17:1ff):**  
This is our future, now!

### **IV. KNOWING OUR FUTURE, WE HAVE A GLORIOUS HOPE AND JOY**

- A. We have “Christ in us, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27)**
- B. Christ in us frees us to be God’s glory for others in love and forgiveness**

**CONCL:** *The “One-Word Tombstone”*: a sign of God’s future, now