

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Matthew 17:1-9

1. And it came to pass that six days after Jesus had called Peter Satan, He taketh him, no longer behind Him, and James and John his brothers, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and lo, it was steep in the way and they were much exhausted when they reacheth the top. And oft did they dash their feet against stones.
2. And there was Jesus transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun upon a cloudless day, which it was anyway, and they were super-dazzled; and his raiment becometh white as the light which was a miracle unto itself, for it was much stained with travel and dust and other things.
3. And, behold, there appeared unto them two figures talking with him, and James did say, It is Moses and Elias, but John did think otherwise but he speaketh not his thoughts.
4. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here, for it we were not we would be unable to tell of this happening unto Matthew and his book would be the less for its omission. And he saith, If thou wilt it will be due to the heat of this sun. For verily it is an scorcher. Let us make here three tabernacles or shelters – even though Sukkot is months away; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And James did observe that there were no trees upon the mountain top with which to build such coverings but he saith nothing, but raised his eyes unto heaven in an uncharacteristic Johannine way.
5. While Peter yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them like unto a shining fog and their vision was likewise clouded but not shone: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, Right! This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.
6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face and did bruise their cheeks, and they were sore and afraid.
7. And Jesus came and touched them upon their bruised parts, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And He did cleanse their clothing with fullers' earth that He kept about Him for revelations such as this.
8. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And they did wonder what had happened to Moses and Elias, and did cast their eyes around questioningly but of them they saw nothing.
9. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, or woman, or beast, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. And the disciples did readily agree, for whilst they did not understand his reference to rising from the dead, they knew that they would not be believed anyway, especially by Thomas who didn't appear in this book except in a list. And reaching the bottom they were suddenly met by a young man, clothed, named Mark, who said into them, Worry not, for I will pass this onto Matthew and – that other one.