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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

12:04:15

Theme: THE TRIO OF WITNESSES

Memory Verse: *Deut. 19:15 “One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established”.*

Texts: John 8:17, 2 Corinthians 13:1

James, John’s brother completed the trio of witnesses. It was quite considerate of the Lord to grant to this mercurial apostle (who, with his brother, John, the Lord called “the son of thunder- Mark 3:17), the opportunity of partaking in this faith-fostering vision. James was later to become the first of the twelve disciples to seal his testimony with his blood (Acts 12:1, 2) just as Jesus predicted (Mathew 20:23; Mark 10:39).

To these same trio Jesus granted the opportunity of several other intimate experiences (Mathew 26:37; Mark 5:37). What is the spiritual implication of granting these three disciples the opportunity of witnessing the transfiguration? First, they had to be witnesses to the Lord’s transfiguration so that when the proper time arrived, they could testify to the church concerning the things they had heard and seen. Secondly, having three witnesses was in perfect harmony with and conformed to God’s own standard of stamping truth and authority on anything.

According to scriptures, “at the mouth of two or three witnesses the truth or the matter shall be established”. It is also written in the law that the testimony of two is the truth. The Apostle Paul also re-echoed this when he told the Corinthians, “In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established”. And John saw the transfiguration, Peter wrote about it and John did also. Their testimonies cannot be false.