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# Finding Jesus Again

A Study in the Gospel of Mark



# Reformation Day

Theology of the Cross  
Vs  
Theology of Glory



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10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. 11 And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?”

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What questions  
does this story  
prompt for you?

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9 “As I looked,  
thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
**his clothing was white as snow,**  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

## Daniel 7

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4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

## Malachi 4



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servanthood before greatness and  
death before resurrection to new life...

because we need transformation not  
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