

Reading & Prayer

O Antiphons

Matthew 17:1-13

Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." <sup>10</sup>And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" <sup>11</sup>And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; <sup>12</sup>but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

O Orien

O Morning Star  
Splendor of eternal light  
and sun of righteousness:  
Come and shine on those  
sitting in darkness and in the  
shadow of death

Revelation 22:12-17

<sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

<sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.



## O Orien / O Morning Star

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 17:1-13, Revelation 22:12-17

# LECTIO DIVINA/ STUDY GUIDE

### start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

#### read the scripture

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

Is there one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses upon you? Meditate on that.

### start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

"O Orien" can be translated "**morning star**" "**dayspring**" "**dawn of the east**", all giving the image that Jesus is the "new day".

In what way does the "transfiguration" scene of the gospel help you (us) know Jesus as the **morning star**?

Why do you think this is an important title for Jesus?

### start sharing. engage it with your story

What specific situation in your life relates today? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught you attention, challenged, or confused you?

A new dawn - A new year - how would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus this year?

See the "**7 Dimensions of a Spirit-Filled Disciple**" to help as a guide.

In what ways can **CCAG** grow in these?

### start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

### start praying. be bold and pray with power