In the well-known Mount of Transfiguration account Jesus took His inner three, Peter, James, and John, with Him "up on a high mountain by themselves." There, the lawgiver Moses and the prophet Elijah "appeared to them." But, it is stated in Matthew 17:3 that it was Jesus with whom these two Old Testament characters talked. Peter may have been the leader of the Apostles but Jesus was the head over Peter. James may later have become a martyr for the cause of Christ but Jesus was the One who would be crucified on behalf of James' sins. John later may have been exiled on the isle of Patmos "for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:9) but Jesus was the Word of God who testified on behalf of God, the Father. Moses and Elijah were correct in speaking to Jesus rather than speaking to the three apostles who accompanied Jesus to the top of the "high mountain."

God the Father made it known to Peter that Jesus was superior to either Moses or Elijah after Peter suggested that "three tabernacles" be erected: one for the lawgiver, one for the prophet, and one for the Christ. He said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" Jesus was also superior to Peter. The three "disciples heard [God's] voice, fell on their faces, and were greatly afraid." And "When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." A safe inference can be made that after hearing God's declaration that they were to hear Jesus, the lawgiver and the prophet became far less visual to the three apostles and especially to Peter; perhaps they were invisible.

When we come to the Table of our Lord, who or what do we see? If our focus is spiritual, we, like the three apostles, see "Jesus only." If our focus is not spiritual, we see everything except Jesus.

If there is ever a time that Satan works on our minds it surely must be at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day for it is here that we are called upon by Deity to see "Jesus only." Looking at Moses or Elijah is looking at the wrong person; in like manner, it is also wrong to look at the preacher, an elder, or any other church leader or church member. It is wrong to look at those in the assembly who are not faithful and yet they lift the "loaf" and the "cup" to their lips. It is wrong to look at the clock. It is only right to look at "Jesus only" for it is His Table and it is He who we worship at this place.

In John 12:20 "there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast," i.e., the Passover Feast. The Word says that "...they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of
Galilee..." They had one request: "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." That ought to be our request of those who lead us in this part of our Lord's Day worship. "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." So, since I am leading in this part of our worship allow me to respect your request.

Look at the "loaf." You are looking at the "body" of Jesus. Look at the "cup." You are looking at the "blood" of Jesus. And though it may sound contradictory, I urge you to look at one particular person in the assembly - yourself. 

"...let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." If you will look at Jesus, you will find it difficult not to look at yourself, for looking at Jesus reminds us of how far short we fall in following His perfect example.

We eat His "body;" we drink His "blood;" we sup at His Table. The table is all about Him and it is nothing about us. So it was at the Mount of Transfiguration. So it was with those Greeks who came to Jerusalem "to worship at the feast."

We have come to a feast far greater than the Passover. We are Christians - not Grecian Jews. We have come to a feast introduced by God, the Son - not an Old Testament lawgiver. We have come to a feast instituted by the Word of God Himself - not an Old Testament prophet. We have come to see "Jesus only" for there is no one else worthy to gaze upon as we sit at His Table.

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Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we have come to your Son's Table to remember Him and