Again Tells of Death & Resurrection (Mt. 17:22–23; Mk. 9:30–32; Lk. 9:43–45)

1. The pending work of the cross was a difficult message to communicate (Mt. 17:22–23).
   a. The content was simple enough (Mt. 17:22–23a).
   b. The difficulty came in accepting it (Mt. 17:23b). ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα elupēthēsan sphorda. λυπέω lupeō #3764 ἕλυπηθησαν #3076. *σφόδρα sphorda #4970. These terms are combined 3x (Mt. 17:23; 18:31; 26:22).

2. This series of messages was delivered during an incognito tour of Galilee (Mk. 9:30–32).
   a. Jesus didn’t want anyone to know about His Galilee itinerary (Mk. 9:30). Aor.subj. γινώσκω ginōskō #1161. *
   b. The disciples were ignorant of His message (Mk. 9:32a). Imperf.act.ind. ἀγνοεῖν agnoeō #50. *
   c. The disciples’ fear prevented them from remedying their ignorance (Mk. 9:32b).

3. This series of messages required time to “sink in” (Lk. 9:44–45).
   a. The disciples’ ignorance is described as a deliberate concealment (Lk. 9:45).
   b. The periphrastic participle ἦν παρακαλύπτων ἐν parakekalummenon (from παρακαλύπτω parakaluptō #3713 hapl.) does not indicate the agent behind the concealment.
   c. The purpose clause for the participle stresses a designed lack of perception. ἵνα μὴ αἰσθῶνται αὐτό hina mē aisthōntai auto. Aor.mid.subj. αἰσθάνομαι aisthanomai #143.
   d. It is the glory of God to conceal a matter (Prov. 25:2) and reserve it’s unfolding until the proper time (Deut. 29:29; Eph. 3:5,9,10; 1st Pet. 1:10–12).