

Mystery of Godliness/Mystery of Lawlessness

MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

1 Timothy 3:16 – *Beyond all question, the **mystery of godliness** is great:*

*He appeared in a body,
Was vindicated by the Spirit,
Was seen by angels,
Was preached among the nations,
Was believed on in the world,
Was taken up in glory.*

- 1 – Jesus is **manifested** in a body
(“manifested” is *ephanerothe* from *phanerod* meaning:
Reveal, disclose, expose publicly, make known,
cause to be seen.)
- 2 – Jesus did **miracles**
(“vindicated by Spirit” by miracle power, Acts 2:22,
and by the resurrection, Rm. 1:4.)
- 3 – Jesus was seen by **angels**
(resurrected and seen in the underworld, 1 Pt. 3:19, and
the head over all angelic beings, Ep. 1:20-21, 1 Pt.3:22)
- 4 – Jesus was preached among the **nations**
- 5 – Jesus was **believed** on in the **world**
- 6 – Jesus was taken up in **glory**.

MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – “For the **secret (mystery) power of lawlessness** is already at work.”

- 1 - Man of Lawlessness is **revealed** (2 Th. 2:8)
- 2 - Vindicated by Satan with **miracles**, signs, wonders(2Th.2:9)
(this also includes a “resurrection” – Rev. 13:12, 14)
- 3 – Exalted by Satan as **head** of his kingdom (Rev. 13:2, 4)
- 4 – Whole **world** is astonished by him (Rv.13:3)
- 5 – Whole **world** follows him (Rev. 13:3) and they **believe**
the lie (2 Thes. 2:1-12)
- 6 – Man of Lawlessness is destroyed by the **glory**, or the
“splendor” of Jesus’ coming (2 Th.2:8)
(“splendor” is *epiphania* which means:
 - Manifested glorious appearing
 - It is used to describe the striking splendor
of a Greek god’s appearing.)