

“The Transfiguration”
Luke 9:28-36

THE TRANSFIGURATION

1. Three accounts of the Transfiguration in the Gospels: Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9.

2. Why this “Encounter with Jesus”?

- The Transfiguration was a revelation of Jesus’ deity. Ref. Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 1:13-16

3. The most significant event in Jesus’ life between his birth and his crucifixion.

WALK THROUGH THE STORY...

1. Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. v.28

2. While Jesus was praying, his appearance changed. v.29

- His face changed; his clothing became “dazzling white.”
- Mark 9:3 “...and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them...”
- Matthew 17:2: “...his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light...”
- Matthew & Mark: “He was transfigured before them...” Gk. **μεταμορφόομαι** = metamorphosis

3. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus—they were talking together. v.30-32

- Moses and Elijah were the two most well-known OT characters to Jewish people.
- Moses represents the Law to Jewish people. Elijah represents the Prophets to Jewish people.
- Both Moses and Elijah had strange/different ‘departures.’ Deut. 34:1-8; 2 Kings 2:9-12
- They were talking about Jesus’ “departure” (lit. ‘exodus’) about to happen in Jerusalem.
- Peter, John, and James—who were sleeping—woke up and “saw his glory.”

4. As Moses and Elijah began to leave... Peter gives a suggestion. v.33

- Not sure what Peter was suggesting... trying to ‘capture the moment’?

5. A cloud came over them (Jesus, Peter, John, and James) and God’s voice spoke to them. v.34-35

- As Moses and Elijah were leaving them, a cloud came and overshadowed Jesus and the disciples.
- God’s voice: “This is my Son, my Chosen One, listen to him!”

6. They were left alone again with Jesus and they kept quiet about what had happened. v.36

APPLICATION

1. The revelation of Jesus’ deity.

→ The transfiguration gives a glimpse into the glory and power of the resurrected Christ
...and the Christ who would return!

2. The Father’s affirmation of His Son.

3. Being rooted in truth through suffering.

→ In all three accounts, it is the same set up. (Matthew 16:13-17:8; Mark 8:27-9:8; Luke 9:18-36)

- Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ
- Jesus foretells his coming humiliation and death
- Jesus tells those who want to follow him to: 1) deny himself, 2) take up his cross, and 3) follow Him
- Sober warning of the personal cost of following Jesus
- The Transfiguration