

The Transfiguration: Strengthened to Bear the Cross

Mathew 17: 01–13

(Mk 9:2-13; Lk 9:28-36)

1. *The struggle to be alone with God*

- a. Jesus withdrew to a high mountain
- b. He took three witnesses

2. *The strength of God's glory*

- a. His face shone as the sun
- b. His clothes gleamed

3. *The strength of great saints*

- a. Moses: The lawgiver
- b. Elijah: The great prophet

4. *The strength of a heavenly experience*

- a. A taste of glory
- b. A staggering request by Peter

5. *The strength of God's presence*

- a. The cloud:
The Shekinah glory of God descended
- b. The voice of God:
Proclaimed Jesus to be His Son -
listen to Him
- c. The disciples' reaction:
They prostrated themselves -
terrified
- d. The Lord's intercession:
His closeness and presence
- e. The Lord's preeminence:
They saw no one but Jesus

6. *The strength of the resurrection*

- a. The prediction of the Messiah's
resurrection

1. After six days

Jesus took with him
Peter, James and John the brother of James,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 There he was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became as white as the light.

3 Just then there appeared before them

Moses and Elijah,
talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus,

“Lord, it is good for us to be here.
If you wish,
I will put up three shelters -
one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking,

a bright cloud enveloped them,
and a voice from the cloud said,
“This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this,

they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

7 But Jesus came and touched them.

“Get up,” he said.
“Don't be afraid.”

8 When they looked up,

they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain,

Jesus instructed them,
“Don't tell anyone what you have seen,
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

<p>b. The misconception of the Messiah</p> <p>c. The misconception corrected</p> <p>1) Elijah had already come (in the person of John the Baptist, v. 13)</p> <p>2) The people had killed him</p> <p>d. The prediction that the Messiah must also suffer</p> <p>e. The disciples finally understood</p>	<p>10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”</p> <p>11 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.</p> <p>12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished.</p> <p>In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”</p> <p>13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.</p>
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