

The Transfiguration: A Glimpse of Heaven's Glory

Mark 09: 02-13

(Mt. 17:1-13; Lk. 9:28-36)

1. *The setting:*

*Jesus took three disciples up
a high mountain — all alone*

2. *The transfiguration strengthened Jesus*

- a. His transfiguration:
His clothing began to shine
- b. His companions
 - 1) The great prophet
 - 2) The great lawgiver, Moses

3. *The transfiguration*

strengthened the disciples

- a. Helped their shattered faith
- b. Gave them a taste of glory
- c. Struck them with awesome fear
- d. Made them witnesses
of God's approval

4. *The transfiguration*

*gave a unique opportunity
to discuss God's Messiahship*

- a. Jesus charged the disciples
to tell no man about the experience
until after His resurrection
- b. The disciples discussed
the resurrection:
Why must Elijah come first?

2 After six days

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him
and led them up a high mountain,
where they were all alone.
There he was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became dazzling white,

whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

4 And there appeared before them

Elijah and Moses,
who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus,

“Rabbi, it is good for us to be here.
Let us put up three shelters —
one for you,
one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

6 (He did not know what to say,

they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared

and enveloped them,
and a voice came from the cloud:
“This is my Son,
whom I love.
Listen to him!”

8 Suddenly,

when they looked around,
they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain,

Jesus gave them orders
not to tell anyone what they had seen
until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 They kept the matter to themselves,

discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

11 And they asked him,

“Why do the teachers of the law say
that Elijah must come first?”

c. Jesus revealed three facts to the disciples 1) Elijah was to come first 2) The scripture did say that the Messiah must suffer and die 3) Elijah had already come: He was John the Baptist	12 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? 13 But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.”
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