

The Transfiguration

Text: Mark 9:1-13

Context: Peter had just confessed that Jesus is the Messiah, and Jesus tells the disciples that he must suffer and die. Jesus also says that all who desire to follow him must deny themselves and take up their cross. Now Jesus shows Peter, James, and John a glimpse of His divine glory.

The Mount of Transfiguration will cause you to...

1. _____ upon the divine brilliance (vs. 1-3)

- A. In the transfiguration, Jesus reveals his divine glory to the Peter, James, and John. His shining garments are more of a confirmation that Jesus is the messiah.
- B. Radiant (Greek - Stilbo) Shining, dazzling, or glistening. It connotes an extreme brightness that is beyond natural explanation. Matthew 17:2 describes his clothes becoming as “white as the light”. Matthew 17:2 also adds that Jesus’s face glowed like the sun similar to a description of Moses in Exodus 34:35.

2. _____ from the Law and the Prophets (vs. 4-6)

- A. The appearance of Elijah and Moses are representative of the Prophets and the Law of the Old Testament. Jesus is the fulfillment of both. Luke tells us that Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about his coming death. Luke 9:31.
- B. Matthew 5:17–18 (ESV) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

3. _____ to Jesus (vs. 7-13)

- A. Unlike at the Baptism of Jesus, this voice heard from heaven adds the words. “Listen to him.”
- B. This cements a promise of the coming of Jesus by Moses: Deuteronomy 18:15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—”