

The Transfiguration

Jesus is transformed on a mountain, His face shining like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear, and God the Father speaks.

Matthew 17:1-13 • Mark 9:2-13 • Luke 9:28-36

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Peter, James, John, Moses, Elijah, God the Father

THEMES: Jesus' glory, Listen to Jesus, Moses and the Prophets fulfilled

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

Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

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.'

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.'

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

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.'

For one moment, the veil was pulled back and the disciples saw Jesus in His glory. Moses represented the Law, Elijah the Prophets—both testified to Christ. The Father's voice confirmed what the disciples needed to hear: 'This is my Son... Listen to him!' Not Moses, not Elijah—Jesus alone. After the cloud lifted, 'they saw no one except Jesus.' He is enough.

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