

# The Transfiguration

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In our meeting this month we consider the Transfiguration of our Lord.

## SCRIPTURE VERSES

### [Mark 9:1-13](#)

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

<sup>3</sup> And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

<sup>4</sup> And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

<sup>6</sup> For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

<sup>7</sup> And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

<sup>8</sup> And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

<sup>9</sup> And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

<sup>10</sup> And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

<sup>11</sup> And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

<sup>12</sup> And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

<sup>13</sup> But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

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## DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

The account of the transfiguration is also recorded in the other synoptic gospels - [Matthew 17:1-13](#) , [Luke 9:28-36](#) and reference made in [2 Peter 1:16-21](#)

Why did this event happen and what did it mean ?

- Is there any significance that only Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up into the mountain and were privileged to witness this event ?
- Jesus was transfigured (changed/transformed)
  - Why did His face shine as the sun and His clothes appear as white as the light ? [Matthew 17:2](#)
- What is the significance of the two who appeared with Jesus on the mount ?
  - Of Moses ?
  - Of Elijah ?
  - What did they talk about ? [Luke 9:31](#) cf [Luke 24:27,32](#)
- What was Peter's response to seeing Jesus with Moses and Elijah ?
  - Was this appropriate ?
- Why did a cloud overshadow and envelop them?
- What other account in the gospels parallels the words spoken out from the cloud ?
  - [Matthew 3:13-17](#) , [Mark 1:9-11](#) , [Luke 3:21-22](#)
- When did this event take place ?
  - Did Peter, James and John witness Jesus' baptism ?
  - Had Peter confessed Jesus to be the Son of God ? [Matthew 16:16](#) , [Mark 8:29](#)
- What is the meaning of this whole event ?