

The Transfiguration – Antidote for the Coming Storm

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Luke 9:28-36

28 Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became white and* [flashed like lightning]^{literal}.

30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not realizing what he was saying.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, *My Chosen One*; listen to Him!"

36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

Mark 9:9-13

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead.

10 They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant.

11 They asked Him, saying, "*Why is it* that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

12 And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

13 But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.”

Matthew 17:13

13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

Unpacking the scriptures. Let's start with some questions:

- After what sayings? Is this important? (Lk 9:28)
- Why only Peter, James, and John? Is Jesus alienating the other nine disciples?
- What are they doing up the mountain? How long?
- Why is He transfigured? What's the purpose? Close your eyes and get the full picture.
- Why Moses and Elijah? What are they talking about? And why is this important?
- If Jesus almost always referred to Himself humbly as the son of man, why the BIG show now?
- 3 tabernacles/shelters/tents? What in the world is Peter talking about? Is he on to something, or is he suddenly cut off?
- What's the significance of the cloud?
- Of all the things God could say at a time like this, why this utterance?
- Why did Jesus instruct his disciples to say nothing about the vision?

A. Need for the Transfiguration: like an IMAX flight movie, except Jesus and His disciples are on different planes.

B. Purpose of the Transfiguration: two-fold

1. The *conversation* is for _____.

a. But why -

- Moses:
- Elijah:
- The *Departure*:

b. So, Jesus needs what?

- The Titanic struggle: Mt 26:36-39; Mt 16:21-23 vs Lk 22:43

2. "Listen!" Your world is about to _____ - and you're not _____!
Definitely for _____.

a. "Master – it's good for us to be here!" v33-35, the Divine "Peter - _____!!"

b. Mt 16:21-23

c. Mk 9:12b, 9-10

d. Lk 18:31-34

e. Lk 9:(37-42) then 43-45