

23—The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-20; Mark 9:2-29; Luke 9:28-43

1. Jesus has just unequivocally revealed His identity to His disciples (Matthew 16:13-20). He has begun to reveal His coming suffering (Matthew 16:21-23). He has spoken hard words about the dedication required as disciples (Matthew 16:24-28). Where does He go with Peter, James, and John and why do you think He needed this trip away from the crowd (Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:2; Luke 9:28)?
2. What happens to Jesus on the mountain and who appears with Him (Matthew 17:2-3; Mark 9:2-4; Luke 9:29-30)? In one sentence, how would you describe these two Old Testament figures?
3. According to Luke 9:31, what is the subject of their conversation? When a specific topic is weighing heavily on a person's mind, should we avoid it or talk about it?
4. What does Peter want to do to ensure this moment is not forgotten (Matthew 17:4; Mark 9:5-6; Luke 9:32-33)? How does God appear (cp. Exodus 13:21,22; 19:9, 18; 24:16; 40:34,35; 1 Kings 8:10)? How does God respond and why (Matthew 17:5-6; Mark 9:7-8; Luke 9:34-36)?
5. Although God has spoken through various individuals in times past, what does He want us to understand in our age today (see Hebrews 1:1-2)? What evidence does Peter cite in 2 Peter 1:16-18 to assure his audience this is a sure message?

6. After seeing Elijah, why were the disciples confused (Matthew 17:7-10; Mark 9:8-11; cp. Malachi 4:5-6)? What explanation does Jesus give to aid their understanding (Matt 17:11-13; Mark 9:12-13)?

7. While Jesus is up on the mountain, what problems are the other disciples having (Mark 9:14-18; Luke 9:37-40)? What reason did Jesus attribute to their failure (Matt. 17:13-17; Mk. 9:19; Lk. 9:41)?

8. Notice something that happens during this miracle. The “disciples” are arguing with the “scribes” and, meanwhile, this father’s request is being ignored (Mark 9:14,17). How might these internal arguments teach us a good lesson about the danger of being diverted from our primary mission?

9. What does Jesus do for the boy (Matthew 17:18-21; Mark 9:25-29; Luke 9:42-43)? What is the response of those gathered at this miracle?

10. Jesus lays down a powerful principle (Matthew 17:20-21; Mark 9:23). What is it? Can you think of some times when just a little faith made a big difference in Scripture or in your life?

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IMPOSSIBLE.**

Matthew 17:20