

“Transfiguration”

Read Mark 9:1-7

¹And Jesus was saying to his disciples, “Truly I say to you, there are some of you here who will not taste of death until you see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

²Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain and there, He was transfigured before them; ³and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth could ever whiten them.

⁴And Elijah appeared there, and also Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say; for they had become terrified.

⁷Then a cloud formed and overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud and the voice said, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!”

Study Questions

- 1) Analyze verse 1. What did Jesus mean by “some of you”? What were some going to see before dying?
- 2) What happened 6 days later? Who was present for this?
- 3) Why is this mountain referred to as the Mount of Transfiguration? What is Transfiguration? What does verse 1 have to do with the things they saw here?
- 4) Concerning the story, what truths can we gather from this incident? Answer the following questions:
 - a. What about Jesus? Where was He during this, and what form did he take?
 - b. How was seeing Moses and Elijah a shock? What does this tell us about the 2 realms of existence? Compare the departure-from-this-world of Moses and Elijah - how were their two experiences different?
 - c. How have near death experiences confirmed this otherworldly existence?
 - d. What did Peter suggest they do, and why?
 - e. What did God’s voice remind them was more important than running to “do” something?

- 5) Read John 6:28-29. What is the most important “work” of the Christian? Read Rev. 3:20. What action is described?

- 6) How does this belief allow us to live every day on the Mount of Transfiguration — listening to Jesus?