

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1369: What Really Happened on the Mount of Transfiguration?

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*Note: The parallel gospel accounts are found in **Matthew 17:1-13**; **Mark 9:1-13**; **Luke 9:28-37**

1. Describe the transfiguration scene on the Mount. Who was there? What happened? What does “transfigured” mean? How was Jesus transfigured – how did he appear in the vision? (Matthew 16:28, 2 Peter 1:16) How does Romans 12:2 apply this same Greek word to the Christian’s experience?
2. How are the Matthew 17:2, “*his face shone like the sun*” and the Malachi 4:2-6 prophecy related?
 - a. How do these prophecies outline the missions of both “Elijahs” (John the Baptist/Jesus’ followers—his church) and Jesus at both his first and second advent? (Matthew 17:10-13, also see page 14)
 - b. How do Mark 9:3 and Isaiah 60:1-3 add to our understanding of these missions?
 - c. Who will oppose them? (Ephesians 2:2)
3. Who were the two men talking to Jesus in the vision? Were these men transformed? What were the Old Testament prophets and John the Baptist (the last prophet before Jesus) promised as their future reward? How do we know they were not promised a heavenly reward? (Luke 9:30-31, Matthew 11:11, John 3:13)
4. Who or what did these two men represent in this vision? How were these two things important:
 - a. What was indicated by them talking about Jesus’ coming sacrifice on the cross? (John 1:45)
 - b. How did they influence Jesus’ teachings? What were they based on? (Matthew 22:35-40)
 - c. In what way did they “speak” to Jesus? How did they inform him? (Luke 24:25-27)
5. How do we know John the Baptist represented Elijah at Jesus’ first advent? What did John attempt to do during his life? Explain if he succeeded or not. (Luke 1:16-17, Malachi 4:6, Matthew 11:11-15)
6. Describe the three times God spoke publicly on behalf of Jesus? What did He say? What was the purpose for each time He spoke? How would this have affected Jesus? (Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 17:5, John 12:28)
7. What was the purpose of the vision on the Mount of Transfiguration? What did it do for Jesus at this critical period in his ministry? What did it do for Peter, James and John, who would go on as spiritual leaders of the apostles and the early Christian church? What would it tell us, (through the prophecies of its foundation in Malachi 4 and Isaiah 60) of our coming experiences and mission?
8. How do you feel transfigured/transformed from your former path? Has the knowledge of God’s plan for you changed your view of what is important in your life? How has God’s declaration of “*This is My beloved son—listen to him!*” reaffirmed your way and strengthened your steps with new determination?