

Reflection Questions: What are some areas of my life that I would like to see Jesus transform? How well do I listen to Jesus? Where do I need to improve? Do I trust my feelings or experiences over the Word of God? Why? Who do I listen to? Who do I believe? Who do I trust?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The transfiguration gave to Jesus and to the disciples and also to us now a foretaste of the joy and glory that awaits those who obey God.

P. G. Matthew

Remember that vision on the Mount of Transfiguration; and let it be ours, even in the glare of earthly joys and brightnesses, to lift up our eyes, like those wondering three, and see no man any more, save Jesus only.

Alexander MacLaren

It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, they had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded.

Frederick Buechner



Transfigured

Sermon
Notes

September 17, 2023

1. The Setting (2)
2. The Transfiguration (2-3)
3. The Friends (4)
4. The Reaction (5-6)
5. The Voice (7)
6. The Conclusion (8)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

Matthew 17:1-8 —

Mark 9:2-8 —

Luke 9:28-36 —

3. How does Jesus' transfiguration account show that He is God (*Mark 9:2-8*)?

4. Why does Jesus take Peter, James, and John with Him and not the others (*Mark 9:2*)?

5. What does it mean that Jesus *was transfigured before them* (*Mark 9:2*)?

6. What is the significance of Jesus' clothes being *radiant and exceedingly white* (*Mark 9:3*)?

7. Who appears with Jesus (*Mark 9:4*)? Why these two?

8. What did Jesus talk with Elijah and Moses about (*Luke 9:31*)? Why?

9. What motivates Peter to speak in *Mark 9:5*?

Why would Peter want to build *three tabernacles* for them?

10. What is the significance of the *cloud* that overshadows them (*Mark 9:7*)?

11. What does God say to them (*Mark 9:7*)? For whose benefit did God speak?

Why is this significant in light of what happened in *Mark 8:27-38*)?

12. What is the significance that *they looked around and saw no one ... except Jesus* (*Mark 9:8*)?

13. How did Jesus fulfill the promises that Moses and Elijah embodied?

14. It's been said that in the account of the transfiguration we get a glimpse of heaven. When you think of heaven what shapes your knowledge of it?

15. How can we be encouraged by Jesus' transfiguration (*Mark 9:2-9*)?

16. How is this event (*Mark 9:2-8*) related to what Jesus says in *Mark 9:1*?

17. How are we as Jesus' disciples to be *transfigured*?
Romans 12:2 —

2 Corinthians 3:18 —

18. What will we as followers of Jesus experience one day?
1 Corinthians 13:12 —

1 John 3:2 —