

An Encouraging Glimpse

Introduction: Jesus' transfiguration is a significant event, recounted in three of the gospels. It occurs about a week after Jesus confirmed that He was Messiah and then spoke of His suffering and death.

Get the big picture: see *Matt 16 & 17*, and *Luke 9*.

The Setting.

- A) A night climb and sleepy disciples.
- B) Jesus glorified. Face bright like the sun -*Matt 17:2*; clothes like lightning -*Luke 9:29*. Moses and Elijah in glory too.

Why Moses and Elijah?

A) In them the OT met the Messiah. They represented the Law and the Prophets which Jesus came to fulfill. They both departed earth in extraordinary ways. Each had fasted for 40 days as they served God.

Questions and answers.

- 1) How did Peter recognize them?
- 2) What was the meaning of the tents?
- 3) Voice confirmed Jesus as Messiah.
- 4) The command to "[listen to Him](#)" eliminated misunderstanding.
- 5) This encounter encouraged Jesus as He moved toward Jerusalem.

Conclusion: The event encouraged Peter for years to come -2 *Peter 1:13-19*. It puts human suffering into perspective and promotes the truth of God's plan for His children. It encourages us to persevere despite what the near future may hold for true followers of Jesus.