



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Matthew 17:1-13

Title: The Transfiguration of Jesus

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Discussion Starter – What were the lessons learned and the things revealed to the three disciples chosen by Jesus to witness His transfiguration?

The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-13)

- Who accompanied Jesus up the mountain? Why is this important? What did Pastor David say Moses and Elijah represent in this passage? (verse 3)
- Peter requested that they be allowed to build three tabernacles? Why might he have done this? What is the problem with this request? How did Jesus respond to this request?
- Pastor David taught that Peter makes three mistakes in his request to build three tabernacles. What were they? How might you avoid these mistakes?
- What did the voice coming from the clouds say? Why might God have chosen this time to remind the disciples of Jesus' identity? (see chapter 16) How is this revelation of Jesus' identity different than the first? (Matthew 3:17)
- What does Jesus' glory ("His face shone like the sun") say about Jesus' identity? What does the association with Moses and Elijah say about the identity of Jesus? How has this passage enhanced your understanding of Jesus?
- How did Jesus comfort the disciples when they were trembling in fear? Do you think they instantly lost their fear? Why did God bring them up to the mountain to witness these events?

Intentional and Unintentional Sin

- Did Peter sin when he asked to build a tabernacle? If so, do you think Peter knew he was sinning? Which commandment did he break?
- What is a sin of commission? What is a sin of omission? Give a few example of each.
- Does God view unintentional sin and intentional sins the same? Is "ignorance of the law" an excuse to sin? How do you overcome "ignorance of the law"?
- How do we overcome judgement for unintentional sin? (See Romans 8:31-39)
- How did his experience on the mountain change Peter? (see 2 Peter 1:14-18)
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:18. What kind of reflection did mirrors provide in the first century? What is the miraculous "metamorphosis" described in this verse? How is a "metamorphosis" different from a temporary change?
- Why has Elijah not "come already"? What will Elijah eventually restore?