



# A GLIMPSE AT GLORY CHANGES US

## MATTHEW 17:1-8

*"Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. Matthew 16:28-17:1*

**I. Jesus revealed what His glory will be like in the coming \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. v.2*

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**II. The prophets' appearance revealed the fact of life after \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. v. 3*

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**III. God revealed His \_\_\_\_\_ to His Son.**

*He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased ... v. 5*

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THE JOURNEY OF PETER FOLLOWING JESUS



## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Matthew 17:1-8. Also read John 17:1-5 and 2 Peter 1:17-18. What do we mean when we say Jesus was “transfigured”? What actually happened?
2. What is one significance of Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus? What did they represent? (For insight read Rom 3:21, Matt 11:12-14, Luke 24:44 and Acts 24:14.)
3. What was Peter trying to do in building tabernacles (Lev 23:34-42) for Moses, Elijah and Jesus? How did his perspective miss the whole point, and what does that tell you about Peter at this time in his walk with Jesus?
4. How did Peter react when God spoke, compared to when he saw Moses and Elijah? Where else in the Bible have you seen this type of reaction occur in God’s presence, and what does it tell you about God?
5. Why was God’s voice important to the Transfiguration? How would the account have changed without it? What did it confirm about Jesus?
6. How does the Transfiguration of Jesus give us confidence in prayer?
7. This scene reveals the theological truth that the kingdom of God is always near. What encouragement or help does that knowledge give you?
8. What glimpses of Jesus have you personally seen? How did this sermon give you a fresh perspective? What will you change in light of the glimpses you’ve seen?

## HELPFUL Quotes

The glorious Transfiguration partially fulfilled Christ’s promise that some would see the coming of the kingdom of God in glory, as a brief snapshot or foretaste. However, it was more than just a symbolic representation. At that moment, on that mountain, heaven and earth touched, Jesus was glorified, Old Testament saints appeared, and the glory of the Father descended upon the mountain. These were all real manifestations of what the kingdom of God will be like in the future. But it didn’t last. Though real, it was only a temporary glimpse. - Charles Swindoll

The selection of Peter, James and John, rather than all the disciples, was appropriate, following the example of Moses, who, when he went up into the holy mountain, took with him Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (Ex 24:1). The transfiguration of Christ, however, far exceeded the glory that Moses experienced ... none of them was permitted to accompany Moses when he went up into the mountain to receive the law. But the disciples witnessed Jesus’ entire transfiguration. - John Walvoord

Jesus was still the center of the scene, just as He will be at His second coming. He was standing on a high mountain, much as when He returns to earth (Zech 14:4). When He comes, He will come with His saints (1 Thes 3:13; Jude 14), just as here He is accompanied by Moses and Elijah, saints of the Old Covenant. And when He comes, He will also come to His saints (2 Thess 1:10; Rev 21:3-7), ministering to His own people, just as now He ministered to Peter, James and John. Another interesting aspect of the scene is the fact that, whereas Moses died, Elijah did not, having been carried to heaven by a whirlwind (2 Kin 2:11). Moses therefore represented the saints who will have died by the time Jesus returns, and Elijah those who will have been raptured. - John MacArthur

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

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### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you’re a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.  
**(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)**
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.  
**(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)**
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.  
**(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.  
**(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

### You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We’d love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!