

~TRANSFIGURATION (871)

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- **A miraculous event witnessed by Peter, James, and John, in which Jesus face shone as the sun, and his outer garments became brilliant as the light, and his face became different.**
- **Six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. (Matthew 17:1)**
- **And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his outer garments became brilliant as the light. (Matthew 17:2)**
- **And, look! There appeared to them Moses and Elijah, conversing with him. (Matthew 17:3)**
- **Responsively Peter said to Jesus; Lord, it is fine for us to be here. If you wish, I will erect three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah. (Matthew 17:4)**
- **While he was yet speaking, look! A bright cloud overshadowed them, and, look! A voice out of the cloud, saying; This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved. Listen to him. (Matthew 17:5)**
- **At hearing this the disciples fell upon their faces and became very much afraid. (Matthew 17:6)**
- **Then Jesus came near and, touching them, said; Get up and have no fear. (Matthew 17:7)**
- **When they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus himself only. (Matthew 17:8)**
- **And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (Matthew 17:9)**
- **Accordingly six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John**

along, and brought them up into a lofty mountain to themselves alone. And he was transfigured before them. (**Mark 9:2**)

- And his outer garments became glistening, far whiter than any clothes cleaner on earth could whiten them. (**Mark 9:3**)
- Also, Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus. (**Mark 9:4**)
- And responsively Peter said to Jesus; Rabbi, it is fine for us to be here, so let us erect three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah. (**Mark 9:5**)
- In fact, he did not know what response he should make, for they became quite fearful. (**Mark 9:6**)
- And a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud; This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him. (**Mark 9:7**)
- Suddenly, however, they looked around and saw no one with them any longer, except Jesus alone. (**Mark 9:8**)
- As they were coming down out of the mountain, he expressly ordered them not to relate to anybody what they saw, until after the Son of man had risen from the dead. (**Mark 9:9**)
- And they took the word to heart, but discussed among themselves what this rising from the dead meant. (**Mark 9:10**)
- In actual fact, about eight days after these words, he took Peter and John and James along and climbed up into the mountain to pray. (**Luke 9:28**)
- And as he was praying the appearance of **his face became different** and his apparel became glitteringly white. (**Luke 9:29**)
- Also, look! Two men were conversing with him, who were Moses and Elijah. (**Luke 9:30**)
- These appeared with glory and began talking about his departure that he was destined to fulfill at Jerusalem. (**Luke 9:31**)
- Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep,

but when they got fully awake they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (Luke 9:32)

- And as these were being separated from him, Peter said to Jesus; Instructor, it is fine for us to be here, so let us erect three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah, he not realizing what he was saying; (Luke 9:33)
- But as he was saying these things a cloud formed and began to overshadow them. As they entered into the cloud, they became fearful. (Luke 9:34)
- And a voice came out of the cloud, saying; This is my Son, the one that has been chosen. Listen to him. (Luke 9:35)
- And as the voice occurred Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet and did not report to anyone in those days any of the things they saw. (Luke 9:36)
- Mark says that on this occasion Jesus outer garments became far whiter than any clothes cleaner on earth could whiten them, and Luke states that **the appearance of his face became different**.
- The **transfiguration** occurred on a mountain sometime after Passover of **32 C.E**, quite a while before Jesus final trip to Jerusalem. It probably took place at night, for the apostles were weighed down with sleep.
- Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they got fully awake they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (Luke 9:32)
- At night the event would be more vivid, and they did spend the night on the mountain, for it was not until the next day that they descended.
- On the succeeding day, when they got down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. (Luke 9:37)
- Just how long the **transfiguration** lasted, however, the Bible does not say.
- Prior to ascending the mountain, Christ had asked all of his disciples; Who are men saying that I am? Whereupon Peter replied;

You are the Christ. At that Jesus told them that he would die and be resurrected

- **Jesus and his disciples now left for the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he began questioning his disciples, saying to them; Who are men saying that I am? (Mark 8:27)**
- **They said to him; John the Baptist, and others, Elijah, still others, One of the prophets. (Mark 8:28)**
- **And he put the question to them; You, though, who do you say I am? In answer Peter said to him; You are the Christ. (Mark 8:29)**
- **At that he strictly charged them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:30)**
- **Also, he started teaching them that the Son of man must undergo many sufferings and be rejected by the older men and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and rise three days later. (Mark 8:31)**
- **Though he also promised that some of his disciples would not taste death at all until they had first seen the Son of man coming in his kingdom, or the kingdom of God already come in power.**
- **Truly I say to you that there are some of those standing here that will not taste death at all until first they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (Matthew 16:28)**
- **Furthermore, he went on to say to them; Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here that will not taste death at all until first they see the kingdom of God already come in power. (Mark 9:1)**
- **This promise was fulfilled six days later, or eight according to Luke, who apparently includes the day of the promise and that of the fulfillment, when Peter, James, and John accompanied Jesus into a lofty mountain.**
- **Six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. (Matthew 17:1)**

- Accordingly six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John along, and brought them up into a lofty mountain to themselves alone. And he was transfigured before them. (**Mark 9:2**)
- In actual fact, about eight days after these words, he took Peter and John and James along and climbed up into the mountain to pray. (**Luke 9:28**)
- Where, while praying, Jesus was transfigured before them.

· Location Of The Transfiguration

- Just before the **transfiguration**, Jesus and his disciples were in the region of Caesarea Philippi, the present-day village of Banyas.
- Jesus and his disciples now left for the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he began questioning his disciples, saying to them; Who are men saying that I am? (**Mark 8:27**)
- It is unlikely that Christ and the apostles departed from this vicinity or region when going to the **lofty mountain**.
- Accordingly six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John along, and brought them up into a lofty mountain to themselves alone. And he was transfigured before them. (**Mark 9:2**)
- Mount Tabor has been viewed as the traditional site from about the **Fourth Century C.E.**, but lying about 70 kilometers (40 miles) South-Southwest of Caesarea Philippi, it seems an improbable location.

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- Mount Hermon, on the other hand, is only about 25 kilometers (15 miles) Northeast of Caesarea Philippi. It rises to a height of 2,814 meters (9,232 feet) above sea level and would therefore be a lofty mountain.
- Six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. (**Matthew 17:1**)
- Hence, the **transfiguration** may have taken place on some spur of Mount Hermon. This is the view of many modern scholars, though the Bible's silence on the matter leaves the exact location uncertain.

· The Significance Of The Transfiguration

- During Jesus **transfiguration**, Moses and Elijah also appeared with glory.
- Also, look! Two men were conversing with him, who were Moses and Elijah. (**Luke 9:30**)
- These appeared with glory and began talking about his departure that he was destined to fulfill at Jerusalem. (**Luke 9:31**)
- And, look! There appeared to them Moses and Elijah, conversing with him. (**Matthew 17:3**)
- Also, Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus. (**Mark 9:4**)
- It had been foretold that Yehowah would raise up a prophet like Moses, and that promise was fulfilled in Christ.
- A prophet from your own midst, from your brothers, like me, is what Yehowah your God will raise up for you, to him you people should listen. (**Deuteronomy 18:15**)
- In response to all that you asked of Yehowah your God in Horeb on the day of the congregation, saying; Do not let me hear again the voice of Yehowah my God, and this great fire do not let me see anymore, that I may not die. (**Deuteronomy 18:16**)
- At that Yehowah said to me; They have done well in speaking what they did. (**Deuteronomy 18:17**)
- A prophet I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he will certainly speak to them all that I shall command him. (**Deuteronomy 18:18**)
- And it must occur that the man who will not listen to my words that he will speak in my name, I shall myself require an account from him. (**Deuteronomy 18:19**)
- Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of

Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 3:19)

- **And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 3:20)**
- **Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (Acts of Apostles 3:21)**
- **In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (Acts of Apostles 3:22)**
- **Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (Acts of Apostles 3:23)**
- **There were many similarities between Moses and Jesus, such as: Babes were killed at their births, though they themselves were spared**
- **Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (Acts of Apostles 3:23)**
- **Then Herod secretly summoned the astrologers and carefully ascertained from them the time of the stars appearing. (Matthew 2:7)**
- **And, when sending them to Bethlehem, he said; Go make a careful search for the young child, and when you have found it report back to me, that I too may go and do it obeisance. (Matthew 2:8)**
- **When they had heard the king, they went their way, and, look! the star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them, until it came to a stop above where the young child was. (Matthew 2:9)**
- **On seeing the star they rejoiced very much indeed. (Matthew 2:10)**
- **And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance to it.**

They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ([Matthew 2:11](#))

- **However, because they were given divine warning in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another way. ([Matthew 2:12](#))**
- **After they had withdrawn, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying; Get up, take the young child and its mother and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I give you word, for Herod is about to search for the young child to destroy it. ([Matthew 2:13](#))**
- **So he got up and took along the young child and its mother by night and withdrew into Egypt. ([Matthew 2:14](#))**
- **And he stayed there until the decease of Herod, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. ([Matthew 2:15](#))**
- **Then Herod, seeing he had been outwitted by the astrologers, fell into a great rage, and he sent out and had all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts done away with, from two years of age and under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the astrologers. ([Matthew 2:16](#))**
- **Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying; ([Matthew 2:17](#))**
- **A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing, it was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. ([Matthew 2:18](#))**
- **When Herod had deceased, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ([Matthew 2:19](#))**
- **And said; Get up, take the young child and its mother and be on your way into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the soul of the young child are dead. ([Matthew 2:20](#))**
- **So he got up and took the young child and its mother and entered into the land of Israel. ([Matthew 2:21](#))**
- **But hearing that Archelaus ruled as king of Judea instead of his**

- father Herod, he became afraid to depart for there. Moreover, being given divine warning in a dream, he withdrew into the territory of Galilee. ([Matthew 2:22](#))
- And came and dwelt in a city named Nazareth, that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets; He will be called a Nazarene. ([Matthew 2:23](#))
 - They both experienced fasts of 40 days duration.
 - Then Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went on up the mountain. And Moses continued in the mountain forty days and forty nights. ([Exodus 24:18](#))
 - And he continued there with Yehowah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Words. ([Exodus 34:28](#))
 - And I proceeded to prostrate myself before Yehowah, as at first, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin that you had committed in doing evil in the eyes of Yehowah so as to offend him. ([Deuteronomy 9:18](#))
 - So I kept prostrating myself before Yehowah forty days and forty nights, for I prostrated myself thus because Yehowah talked of annihilating you. ([Deuteronomy 9:25](#))
 - Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ([Matthew 4:1](#))
 - After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. ([Matthew 4:2](#))
 - Both were raised up by God in the interests of true worship and to effect deliverance.
 - And Moses became a shepherd of the flock of Jethro, the priest of Midian, whose son-in-law he was. While he was driving the flock to the west side of the wilderness, he came at length to the mountain of the true God, to Horeb. ([Exodus 3:1](#))
 - Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn

bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (**Exodus 3:2**)

- At this Moses said; Let me just turn aside that I may inspect this great phenomenon, as to why the thorn bush is not burnt up. (**Exodus 3:3**)
- When Yehowah saw that he turned aside to inspect, God at once called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush and said; Moses! Moses! To which he said; Here I am. (**Exodus 3:4**)
- Then he said; Do not come near here. Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground. (**Exodus 3:5**)
- And he went on to say; I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then Moses concealed his face, because he was afraid to look at the true God. (**Exodus 3:6**)
- And Yehowah added; Unquestionably I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their outcry as a result of those who drive them to work, because I well know the pains they suffer. (**Exodus 3:7**)
- And I am proceeding to go down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the locality of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. (**Exodus 3:8**)
- And now, look! The outcry of the sons of Israel has come to me, and I have seen also the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. (**Exodus 3:9**)
- And now come and let me send you to Pharaoh, and you bring my people the sons of Israel out of Egypt. (**Exodus 3:10**)
- And when forty years were fulfilled, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel in the fiery flame of a thornbush. (**Acts of Apostles 7:30**)
- Now when Moses saw it he marveled at the sight. But as he was approaching to investigate, Yehowah's voice came. (**Acts of**

Apostles 7:31)

- **I am the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. Seized with trembling, Moses did not dare to investigate further. (Acts of Apostles 7:32)**
- **Yehowah said to him, Take the sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. (Acts of Apostles 7:33)**
- **I have certainly seen the wrongful treatment of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you off to Egypt. (Acts of Apostles 7:34)**
- **This Moses, whom they disowned, saying; Who appointed you ruler and judge? This man God sent off as both ruler and deliverer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the thornbush. (Acts of Apostles 7:35)**
- **This man led them out after doing portents and signs in Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. (Acts of Apostles 7:36)**
- **This is the Moses that said to the sons of Israel, God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. (Acts of Apostles 7:37)**
- **Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah (Acts of Apostles 3:19)**
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- They were each privileged by God to mediate a covenant with his people.
- Then Moses came and related to the people all the words of Yehowah and all the judicial decisions, and all the people answered with one voice and said; All the words that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do. ([Exodus 24:3](#))
- Accordingly Moses wrote down all the words of Yehowah. Then he got up early in the morning and built at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars corresponding with the twelve tribes of Israel. ([Exodus 24:4](#))
- After that he sent young men of the sons of Israel and they offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as sacrifices, as communion sacrifices to Yehowah. ([Exodus 24:5](#))
- Then Moses took half the blood and put it in bowls, and half the blood he sprinkled upon the altar. ([Exodus 24:6](#))
- Finally he took the book of the covenant and read it in the ears of the people. Then they said; All that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do and be obedient. ([Exodus 24:7](#))
- So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people and said; Here is the blood of the covenant that Yehowah has concluded with you as respects all these words. ([Exodus 24:8](#))
- For every High Priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, wherefore it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. ([Hebrews 8:3](#))
- If, now, he were upon earth, he would not be a priest, there being men who offer the gifts according to the Law. ([Hebrews 8:4](#))
- But which men are rendering sacred service in a typical representation and a shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses, when about to make the tent in completion, was given the divine command; For says he; See that you make all things after their pattern that was shown to you in the mountain.

(Hebrews 8:5)

- But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better covenant, which has been legally established upon better promises. **(Hebrews 8:6)**
- So that is why he is a mediator of a New Covenant, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former covenant, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. **(Hebrews 9:15)**
- Both were used by Yehowah to magnify his name.
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Get up early in the morning and take a position in front of Pharaoh, and you must say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of the Hebrews has said; Send my people away that they may serve me. **(Exodus 9:13)**
- For at this time I am sending all my blows against your heart and upon your servants and your people, to the end that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. **(Exodus 9:14)**
- For by now I could have thrust my hand out that I might strike you and your people with pestilence and that you might be effaced from the earth. **(Exodus 9:15)**
- But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. **(Exodus 9:16)**
- Father, glorify your name. Therefore a voice came out of heaven; I both glorified it and will glorify it again. **(John 12:28)**
- Hence the crowd that stood about and heard it began to say that it had thundered. Others began to say; An angel has spoken to him. **(John 12:29)**
- In answer Jesus said; This voice has occurred, not for my sake, but for your sakes. **(John 12:30)**
- So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was. **(John 17:5)**

- **I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. (John 17:6)**
- **Righteous Father, the world has, indeed, not come to know you, but I have come to know you, and these have come to know that you sent me forth. (John 17:25)**
- **And I have made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. (John 17:26)**
- **It was also foretold that Yehowah would send Elijah the prophet, among whose works was that of turning persons of Israel to true repentance. While Jesus was on earth, John the Baptizer did a work of that kind and served as the Messiah's forerunner, fulfilling**
- **Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah. (Malachi 4:5)**
- **And he must turn the heart of fathers back toward sons, and the heart of sons back toward fathers, in order, that I may not come and actually strike the earth with a devoting of it to destruction. (Malachi 4:6)**
- **Truly I say to you people, among those born of women there has not been raised up a greater than John the Baptist, but a person that is a lesser one in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he is. (Matthew 11:11)**
- **But from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of the heavens is the goal toward which men press, and those pressing forward are seizing it. (Matthew 11:12)**
- **For all, the Prophets and the Law, prophesied until John. (Matthew 11:13)**
- **And if you want to accept it, He himself is Elijah who is destined to come. (Matthew 11:14)**
- **Let him that has ears listen. (Matthew 11:15)**

- To him Yehowah's angel appeared, standing at the right side of the incense altar. (Luke 1:11)
- But Zechariah became troubled at the sight, and fear fell upon him. (Luke 1:12)
- However, the angel said to him; Have no fear, Zechariah, because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will become mother to a son to you, and you are to call his name John. (Luke 1:13)
- And you will have joy and great gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth. (Luke 1:14)
- For he will be great before Yehowah. But he must drink no wine and strong drink at all, and he will be filled with Holy Spirit right from his mothers womb. (Luke 1:15)
- And many of the sons of Israel will he turn back to Yehowah their God. (Luke 1:16)
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (Luke 1:17)
- But, since the **transfiguration** occurred after the death of John the Baptizer, Elijah's appearance in it indicates that a work of restoration of true worship and vindication of Yehowah's name would be associated with the establishment of God's Kingdom in the hands of Christ.
- During the **transfiguration**, Jesus, Moses, and Elijah talked about Christ's departure, a form of the Greek word *e'xo-dos* that he was destined to fulfill at Jerusalem.
- These appeared with glory and began talking about his departure that he was destined to fulfill at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:31)
- This *e'xo-dos*, exodus or departure, evidently involved both Christ's death and his subsequent resurrection to spirit life.
- Some critics have endeavored to class the **transfiguration** as simply a dream. However, Peter, James, and John would not logically

all have had exactly the same dream. Jesus himself called what took place a **vision**.

- And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the **vision** to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (**Matthew 17:9**)
- But not a mere illusion. Christ was actually there, though Moses and Elijah, who were dead, were not literally present. They were represented in **vision**. The **Greek** word used for **vision** at;
- And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the **vision** to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (**Matthew 17:9**)
- Is *ho'ra-ma*, also rendered, **sight**.
- Now when Moses saw it he marveled at the sight. But as he was approaching to investigate, Yehowah's voice came. (**Acts of Apostles 7:31**)
- It does not imply unreality, as though the observers were laboring under a delusion. Nor were they insensible to what occurred, for they were fully awake when witnessing the **transfiguration**. With their literal eyes and ears they actually saw and heard what took place at that time.
- Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they got fully awake they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (**Luke 9:32**)
- As Moses and Elijah were being separated from Jesus, Peter, not realizing what he was saying; suggested the erecting of three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.
- And as these were being separated from him, Peter said to Jesus; Instructor, it is fine for us to be here, so let us erect three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah, he not realizing what he was saying; (**Luke 9:33**)
- But as the apostle spoke, a cloud formed.
- But as he was saying these things a cloud formed and began to overshadow them. As they entered into the cloud, they became

fearful. (**Luke 9:34**)

- Evidently, as at the tent of meeting in the wilderness, symbolizing Yehowah's presence there on the mountain of the **transfiguration**.
- And the cloud began to cover the tent of meeting, and Yehowah's glory filled the tabernacle. (**Exodus 40:34**)
- And Moses was not able to go into the tent of meeting, because the cloud resided over it and Yehowah's glory filled the tabernacle. (**Exodus 40:35**)
- And when the cloud lifted itself up from over the tabernacle the sons of Israel would break camp during all their stages of journey. (**Exodus 40:36**)
- However, if the cloud did not lift itself up, then they would not break camp until the day when it lifted itself up. (**Exodus 40:37**)
- For Yehowah's cloud was over the tabernacle by day, and a fire continued upon it by night in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their stages of journey. (**Exodus 40:38**)
- From out of the cloud there came Yehowah's voice, saying; This is my Son, the one that has been chosen. Listen to him.
- And a voice came out of the cloud, saying; This is my Son, the one that has been chosen. Listen to him. (**Luke 9:35**)
- Years later, with reference to the **transfiguration**, Peter identified the heavenly voice as that of God the Father.
- For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory; This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (**2 Peter 1:17**)
- Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (**2 Peter 1:18**)
- In the **transfiguration**, evidently Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets, both of which pointed toward and were

fulfilled in Christ. Whereas in the past God had spoken through prophets, he now indicated that he would do so through his Son.

- **Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. ([Galatians 3:24](#))**
- **God, who long ago spoke on many occasions and in many ways to our forefathers by means of the prophets. ([Hebrews 1:1](#))**
- **Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. ([Hebrews 1:2](#))**
- **He is the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. ([Hebrews 1:3](#))**
- **The apostle Peter viewed the **transfiguration** as a marvelous confirmation of the prophetic word, and by having been an eyewitness of Christ's magnificence, he was able to acquaint his readers with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. ([2 Peter 1:16](#))**
- **Consequently we have the prophetic word made more sure, and you are doing well in paying attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and a daystar rises, in your hearts. ([2 Peter 1:19](#))**
- **The apostle had experienced the fulfillment of Christ's promise that some of his followers would not taste death at all until first they see the kingdom of God already come in power.**
- **Furthermore, he went on to say to them; Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here that will not taste death at all until first they see the kingdom of God already come in power. ([Mark 9:1](#))**

- The apostle John may also have alluded to the **transfiguration** at;
- So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and truth. (**John 1:14**)
- Jesus told his three apostles; Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead.
- And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (**Matthew 17:9**)
- They did refrain from then reporting what they saw to anyone, apparently even to the other apostles.
- And as the voice occurred Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet and did not report to anyone in those days any of the things they saw. (**Luke 9:36**)
- While descending the mountain, the three apostles discussed among themselves what Jesus meant by this rising from the dead.
- And they took the word to heart, but discussed among themselves what this rising from the dead meant. (**Mark 9:10**)
- One current Jewish religious teaching was that Elijah must appear before the resurrection of the dead that would inaugurate the Messiah's reign. So, the apostles inquired; Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? Jesus assured them that Elijah had come, and they perceived that he spoke of John the Baptizer.
- However, the disciples put the question to him; Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? (**Matthew 17:10**)
- In reply he said; Elijah, indeed, is coming and will restore all things. (**Matthew 17:11**)
- However, I say to you that Elijah has already come and they did not recognize him but did with him the things they wanted. In this way also the Son of man is destined to suffer at their hands. (**Matthew 17:12**)

- Then the disciples perceived that he spoke to them about John the Baptist. (**Matthew 17:13**)
- The **transfiguration**, it seems, served to fortify Christ for his sufferings and death, while it also comforted his followers and strengthened their faith.
- It showed that Jesus had God's approval, and it was a foreview of his future glory and Kingdom power. It presaged the presence of Christ, when his kingly authority would be complete.