

The Story of Jesus
(Lesson 10)

Introduction:

1. Growing in the knowledge of Christ is an important activity in Christianity (2 Peter 3:18).
2. In this lesson we are concentrating on information that relates to "Jesus' transfiguration."

Discussion:

- I. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST IS RECORDED IN:
 - A. Matthew 17:1-9
 - B. Mark 9:2-9
 - C. Luke 9:28-36
- II. THE SETTING
 - A. On this occasion, Jesus had taken Peter, James, and John "*apart.*"
 - B. They went up on a high mountain.
 - C. We learn from Luke 9:28 that Jesus went there to pray.
 - D. As He prayed, . . .
- III. JESUS WAS "*TRANSFIGURED*" [HIS APPEARANCE WAS CHANGED]
 - A. (Luke 9:29) "*The fashion of His countenance was altered.*"
 - B. (Matthew 17:2) "*His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light.*"
 - C. (Mark 9:3) His clothes were whiter than any launderer could whiten them.
- IV. MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED WITH JESUS
 - A. Moses was the great lawgiver, and he had died about 1,500 years earlier.
 - B. Elijah, one of the great Old Testament prophets, "*went up by a whirlwind into heaven*" (2 Kings 2:11).
 - C. (Luke 9:31) Moses and Elijah "*appeared in glory,*" and they spoke to Jesus about "*His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem.*"
- V. PETER WANTED TO BUILD THREE TABERNACLES
 - A. (Luke 9:32) Peter, James, and John had fallen asleep.
 - B. (Luke 9:33) Peter made this request as Moses and Elijah departed.
 - C. (Mark 9:6) Peter did not know what to say because he, James, and John were afraid.
- VI. GOD SPOKE FROM HEAVEN
 - A. God identified Jesus as His Son in whom He was well pleased (see Matthew 3:16-17).
 - B. God also instructed Peter, James, and John to hear Jesus.
 - C. (Matthew 17:6) Peter, James, and John were afraid when they heard God's voice.
- VII. JESUS SPOKE TO PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN
 - A. He comforted them so they would not be afraid.
 - B. He told them not to tell anyone about this event until after His resurrection (2 Peter 1:16-18).

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is God's spokesman today (Hebrews 1:1-3).
2. His Word is the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15).
3. To be God's children we must listen to Christ and comply with His teaching (Colossians 3:16-17).