



First Baptist Church of Cypress
The Transfiguration of Jesus

Mark 9:2-13

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Have you ever wondered what God looks like? Would he have arms and legs like us? Would he have a thick white beard? Would he be republican? As much as we try to assume what God's appearance may be like, one thing we know that Jesus Christ is God, the actual "image" of the invisible God. **Colossians 1:15-17** says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." I truly believe "When we all get to heaven, what a glorious day that will be; when we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory." Jesus, in all of his splendor and glory, will be our primary focus in heaven.

This Transfiguration is recorded in 3 of the gospels (Matt. Mark, & Luke) and testified to by Peter and John. This was an unveiling of the revelation of Jesus' deity. As Jesus prayed, this momentary transition from the concealment of His divine glory that marked His days on earth to the manifestation of glory that will be revealed when He returns. What a sight it must have been and will be for us!

Mark 9:1-13

"And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power." 2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this

rising from the dead might mean. 11 And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 12 And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

1. **Jesus INVESTED in Others by Bringing Them ALONGSIDE His Ministry and Life. (v 2-6)**
 2. **Jesus' HEAVENLY Glory is PHYSICALLY Presented as The One to LISTEN TO and OBEY. (v 3, 7-10)**
- **This transfiguration is the same work of TRANSFORMATION of God's Spirit that gives LIFE to our mortal bodies.**

*"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." **Romans 8:11***

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." **Romans 12:2***

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

- **Jesus' Messianic MISSION was to CONQUER Sin and Death, not the Romans.**
3. **Jesus Gives UNDERSTANDING to Difficult SCRIPTURES; Teaching Relevance and TRUTH. (v 11-13)**

The Gospel of Mark emphasizes that the Messiah must shoulder a cross, embrace humility, and renounce brute force, and his disciples must do the same if they bear Christ's name. Mark's audience is much like us at times, however, show reluctance to do so. We want God's glory and heaven without the cross and the responsibility it brings. Yet, we must give our hearts to the Lord as Paul says in Romans 8:17, we are "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory"