

The Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-9 "And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead."

I. Jesus goes up a high mountain

- A. Mt. Tabor - declared this mountain by Queen Helena = Constantine 's mother, the Roman Emperor built a church there in 326 AD
- B. Today there is a Catholic church with 3 sections: one for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.
- C. It is located 10 miles South of the Sea of Galilee in the Valley of Jezreel – the Bread Basket of Israel.
- D. It is approximately 2,000 feet above sea level.
- E. Sits on the border of 2 Tribes Zebulun and Issachar.
- F. From the top of Tabor you can see about 10 miles away Mt. Gilboa – where Saul died.
- G. Mt. Tabor is famous for the Battle of Deborah and Borak where they defeated the Canaanites in Judges 5.
- H. Also it was on this mountain Jesus was transfigured.

II. Jesus and the 3 disciples

- A. **Peter, James and John – 3 closest disciples**
 - 1. They saw Jarius' daughter raised
 - 2. Prayed the closest to Jesus at Gethsemane
 - 3. Needed to be strengthened for their jobs
 - 4. James – first to be killed
 - 5. Peter - lead the church (crucified upside down)
 - 6. John – received the revelation of the End-Times

B. Go up the mountain and fall asleep during Jesus' discussion with Elijah and Moses

C. Wake up to see Jesus in His Glory

1. Clothes – whiter than the sunshine – like glittering snow
2. Whiter than a **fuller** could get them, a man who washes your clothes in lye, beats them and leaves them to dry in the sun.
3. Jesus was surrounded by his Shekinah Glory

D. Talking to 2 men: Moses – the lawgiver and Elijah – the greatest prophet representing the Old Covenant.

E. They were encouraging Jesus in his role as Messiah to go to the cross for mankind.

III. Peter's Response

A. Let's build 3 tabernacles for you to stay here in your glory (Tabernacle time of the year)

B. Peter is fearful, but thinks the kingdom of God came to the Earth

C. Moses and Elijah – disappears

D. Cloud covers them and God speaks to them

GREEK: "This is My Son – The Beloved One, Hear Him"

E. They now have heard from God, Jesus is he Messiah.

IV. Jesus' charge to the 3 disciples

A. Do not speak of this till after I have risen from the dead.