

MOUNT TABOR / MOUNT HERMON

ELEVATION ~1,886 FT / 9,232 FT
32°41'14"N 35°23'25"E / 33°24'58"N 35°51'27"E

LOCATION

Mount Tabor is in modern Israel about six miles from Nazareth. Mount Hermon is north of Israel located near the border of Syria and Lebanon.

KEY REFERENCE

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up **a high mountain** by themselves. There he was **transfigured** before them.

-Matthew 17:1-3

SIGNIFICANCE

Six days after Peter correctly identified Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Mat. 16:16), Jesus gives three of his disciples a glimpse of his divine glory.

For when Jesus is transfigured, he is described with language that was used in the Old Testament to describe God's appearance (Dan. 7:9). As God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples see divine confirmation that Jesus is the Messiah.

SERMON NOTES

REFLECT ON GENESIS MATTHEW 17:1-13; MARK 9:2-13; LUKE 9:28-36

- *How does this mountain top experience reveal Jesus' identity? How does each gospel account focus on the revelation of Jesus' identity and glory?*
- *How does the command to "listen" to Jesus still lead and guide believers today?*
- *How does this mountain top experience point us to Jesus' death and resurrection?*
- *In what ways is Jesus presented as being superior to both Moses and Elijah?*