

**MATTHEW 16:28-17:13
MESSIAH ON A MISSION
(PART 33)**

“Transfigured And Transformed”



The Old Testament Provided Patterns, The New Testament Reveals The Substance:

1. How the Kingdom would be built through His “departure”
2. How the King would provide transformation
3. How the Kingdom will interact with the kingdoms of the world
4. How Jesus transforms everything and resists becoming a pattern

Jewish Eschatological Beliefs In Jesus' Time Were Hotly Debated But There Were Some Points That All Agreed Upon

1. Israel awaited restoration
2. Pagan empires and their idols would be cast down
3. Jerusalem would become the capital of the Kingdom
4. Corrupt leadership within Israel would be removed, and the true Davidic King installed
5. Israel's sins would be forgiven, and God would pour out his Spirit upon his people so that the nation would become obedient
6. As a result, the glory of God would pour forth from Jerusalem and summon all nations to worship the Lord of all the earth

Why Doesn't John Record The Transfiguration?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recorded the incident on the mount of transfiguration, but John did not - although he was the only one of them present.

Why was he silent about it?

1. John's gospel was to demonstrate the deity of Christ, and the transfiguration was not the proof of his deity
2. The Transfiguration was about the Kingdom of God
1. The Transfiguration was for the transformation of the disciples

"As Moses and Elijah stood with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, the Law, with its requirement and its sacrifices, and prophecy, with its forward-looking gaze, stood there in their representatives and bore witness that their converging lines meet in Jesus. Their presence and their speech were the acknowledgment that this was he whom they had seen from afar."

Alexander MacLaren



What Truths Are
Revealed
On The Mount
Of Transfiguration?

1. The Law is fulfilled in Jesus
2. All the Prophets are fulfilled in Jesus
3. Jesus is the sole mediator of the
New Covenant
4. Do not build memorials around
peripheral things in the New
Covenant

The Mediator Calms The Mental Anguish Experienced By The Disciples

- This experience is much akin to the predator/prey response - something so threatening and horrifying that it causes one to freeze and watch for what will happen next. This is instinctual in humans; manifested in the most extreme moments of threat, we become paralyzed by fear.
- The Transfiguration of Jesus transfixed them in fear (17:6-7)
- Jesus immediately begins the work of the mediator to them (1 Timothy 2:5)
- They were transformed by this touch and the singularity of seeing only Jesus.