

The Transfiguration of Our Lord – 2022

Saturday, 2/26 at 4:00 | Sunday, 2/27 at 9:00



Text: Luke 9:28-36 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Some things in life can seem to be moving in a *particular **unstoppable** direction*, BUT THEN, **a *game changer!*** For example, ➡ after having had cancer, ***your doctor declares you to be cancer-free*** OR ➡ ***Jesus***, having been entombed, ***is now alive forevermore!*** Today, as we conclude the season of Epiphany, we come to what SHOULD be a ***GAME CHANGER*** for EVERYONE!

1. **Setting:** ²⁸ **And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray.** // What sayings? About a week earlier, Jesus said He would ➡ suffer, ➡ be rejected, and ➡ be killed, and then ➡ be raised on the third day. *Since those sayings seem impossible*, Luke is calling us to make a connection between ➡ what Jesus said and ➡ what happened on the mountain!
2. **Changes:** ²⁹ **And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming.** // What does Luke mean by “different”?

Matthew wrote that Jesus' "face shone like the sun" (17:2). Prior to that moment, *Jesus always looked like an ordinary man*; then, in that moment, **Jesus showed His glory!** Decades later, Peter wrote, "...we were eyewitnesses of **His majesty** [*His mighty power, greatness*] (2 Pet. 1:16). For all who THINK Jesus is ONLY a unique man, ♣ may they know the truth and ♣ may that be a **game changer** for them!

3. **Visitors:** ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with [Jesus]; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, **appearing in glory** [*in their heavenly form*], **were speaking of His departure** [*that is, His death, resurrection, and ascension*] **which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.** // Why Moses and Elijah?
- a. Moses: He is the one through whom God gave the law (*Exodus chapter 20; John 1:17; etc.*), which **we** have broken, and **Jesus** came to fulfill (*Matthew 5:17*)!
 - b. Elijah: He represents the prophets, which include the many prophecies about Jesus' ♣birth, ♣life, ♣death, ♣resurrection, and ♣ascension!
 - c. Encouragement: Moses and Elijah endured many difficult things; now, as Jesus was drawing closer to His suffering and death, Moses and Elijah encouraged Him – according to His human nature.
4. **Response:** ³² Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw **[Jesus'] glory** and the two men standing with Him. ³³ And it came about, as these were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and

one for Moses, and one for Elijah” -- not realizing what he was saying.

- a. While they slept: ☉Jesus was **transfigured**, and ☉the two men appeared. Then, *when they woke up*, they saw the AMAZING SITE of ✦Jesus having been **RADICALLY CHANGED** and ✦Moses and Elijah in their heavenly form!
- b. And how did they know Moses and Elijah? Even though they were all on a mountain on earth, *God gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse of heaven!* So, what will heaven be like? The Bible says, “...now we see in a mirror dimly, but then [*in heaven*] face to face; now I know in part, but then [*in heaven*] I will know fully just as I also have been fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12).

5. **God**:³⁴ **And while he was saying this, a cloud formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.** ³⁵ **And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”**
// The cloud was supernatural; it ✦formed quickly, ✦blocked their vision, and ✦resulted in fear. Then God the Father identified Jesus – **My Son, the One I have chosen to buy back the world!** Then He told everyone how to respond to Jesus: “**listen to Him**” – that is, ➡**pay attention** to Him, ➡**obey** Him!

6. **Silence**:³⁶ **And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.**
// Peter, James, and John were eyewitnesses, they ✦saw, ✦heard, and ✦remembered; then, *beginning on the Day of Pentecost*, they told EVERYTHING to EVERYONE!

7. **Has Jesus Changed Your Game?** If He has – *great!* If not yet – *be open to HUGE and IMPORTANT things!*
- a. Who He Is: God’s only begotten Son, *the Second Person of the Trinity*, who put on human flesh!
 - b. What He Did: Lived, suffered, died, and rose to *conquer sin, death, and the devil and open the way to heaven!*
 - c. The benefits of Knowing Him: Forgiveness of all sins, peace in every circumstance, and assurance of heaven!
 - d. The consequences of Rejecting Him: Worry and fear in this life; *then eternal punishment in the life to come!*
8. **The Church Year Connection:**
- a. ☞ During **Advent**, we anticipated Jesus’ coming;
☞ during **Christmas**, we celebrated Jesus’ birth; and
☞ during **Epiphany**, God made it clear to us that Jesus is His Son, the Promised Messiah.
 - b. This coming Wednesday – *Ash Wednesday*, we will begin the **Season of Lent**:
 - i. Recalling our sins and our need for repentance!
 - ii. Watching Jesus – *our God-Sent Champion* – †resist the devil’s temptations and †demonstrate His power as He makes His way to *the ULTIMATE FIGHT on Good Friday!* Join us, benefit! ([BLC Lent Summary](#))

Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, YOU are the ultimate GAME CHANGER! Help us to *always trust You and eternally benefit!*

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