

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

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Scriptures: *Matthew 17:1 – 5, Mark 9:1-7, Luke 9:27-35, 2Peter 1:16-18*

Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of the mountain to pray, in the region north of the Sea of Galilee, [page 75, New Bible Atlas, IVP. Editors: Bimson, Kane, Paterson, Wiseman 1955], close to Caesarea Philippi. *Matthew 16:13*. Most identify this mountain as Mount Hermon. *Psalms 133:3*.

As Jesus prayed, Luke 9:29, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light,

Matthew 17:2, exceedingly white, like snow, Mark 9:3, white and glistening, Luke 9:29.

And behold, **two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah.** *Luke 9:30, Matthew 17:3, Mark 9:4.*

Peter suggested that they should build three tabernacles, **one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. This was as an acknowledgement of Jesus as One alongside Moses and Elijah, who represented the Law and the Prophets.** *Luke 16:16, Matthew 5:17.*

However, while Peter was speaking, **a bright cloud overshadowed them, and suddenly a Voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”** *Matthew 17:5.*

This Voice was God the Father, declaring that the ministry of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, had superseded the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah. God the Father was declaring, that from that time on, the highest revelation of God’s purposes to man, was through His Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

“And **“when the disciples heard the Voice, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.”** *Matthew 17:6.*

“But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” *Matthew 17:7.*

In *Luke 16:16* it says, **“The Law and the Prophets were until John.** (John the Baptist). Since that time, the Kingdom God has been preached.” *Matthew 3:2, Matthew 4:17,23, Matthew 9:35, Matthew 5:3, Matthew 11:11.*

“For all the Law and the Prophets prophesied until John!” (John the Baptist) *Matthew 11:13.*

The jurisdiction or authority- rule, of the Law and the Prophets came to an end with the ministry of John the Baptist.

The religious rulers of Jesus’ day, the Scribes, the Pharisees and the High Priest, rejected Jesus’ claim to be the Divine Son of God. *John 19:7, 10:33, 8:58,59, Leviticus 24:16.* They crucified Him to death. *Ac 3:36.*

John the Baptist said, “I indeed baptise you **with water unto repentance**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I,**He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”** *Matthew 4:11.*

In this New Testament jurisdiction of the Church of Jesus Christ, where the Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached, Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 24:14, the life, teaching and doctrine of Jesus is perfect and complete on all issues of Christian living.

We are now disciples of Jesus, not of Moses and Elijah. Notice Jesus’ departure from the Law in *John 8:4-11, Matthew 5:21,22,27,28,31,32,33,34.* **The authority of Jesus supersedes the authority of the Law of Moses.** Notice Jesus’ departure from the example of Elijah’s ministry in *Luke 9:51-56, NKJV.* **The authority of Jesus supersedes of the example of Elijah.**

“Jesus is perfect theology.” *Colossians 2:2,3, Hebrews 1:1 – 3.*

Make sure that what you believe, practice, and teach as a Christian minister, is in line with the teaching and ministry of Jesus Christ. We are disciples of Jesus, not of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus Christ is the highest revelation of God’s will and truth. *Colossians 2:2,3.*

“The Law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” *John 1:17.*

“In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.” *Colossians 2:9.*