



Good Shepherd
Sermon-Based Study Guide
Luke 9:28-36 | March 8, 2026

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I. Introduction to this Study

In the passage just before this moment, Jesus asks His disciples a crucial question: **“Who do you say that I am?”** Peter answers boldly, declaring that Jesus is the Messiah of God.

But almost immediately afterward, Jesus begins speaking about suffering, rejection, and the cross. This must have been confusing for the disciples. How could the Messiah suffer?

About a week later, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. There, the disciples witness something extraordinary. Jesus is transfigured before them—His appearance radiating heavenly glory. Moses and Elijah appear beside Him, and a voice from heaven declares, **“This is my Son... listen to him.”**

This moment reassures the disciples that Jesus truly is who He says He is. At the same time, it points forward to the mission He is about to accomplish in Jerusalem.

II. Connecting with One Another

Have you ever had a moment in life where you suddenly saw something much more clearly than before?

What changed your perspective?

III. Study the Text

Read Luke 9:28–29

- Why do you think Jesus brings Peter, James, and John up the mountain with Him?
- Luke tells us Jesus went up the mountain to pray. What happens during that prayer?
- What do you think the disciples might have felt when they saw Jesus’ appearance suddenly change?

Read Luke 9:30–31



- Both Moses and Elijah had powerful encounters with God on mountains (Exodus 31:18; 1 Kings 19:9–12). Why might their presence here be significant?
- Moses represented the **Law**, and Elijah represented the **Prophets**. What might this reveal about Jesus' role in God's plan?
- Luke says they spoke about Jesus' "**departure**" (literally exodus). How might this connect to the story of Israel's Exodus from Egypt?

Read Luke 9:32–36

- Why do you think Peter suggests building shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?
- Luke says Peter "did not know what he was saying." What might this reveal about how people sometimes respond to powerful spiritual moments?
- Why do you think the command is given: "**Listen to him**"?

IV. Reflect and Respond

- The disciples were given a glimpse of Jesus' glory before His journey to the cross. Why do you think they needed this moment?
- Peter immediately wanted to **do something**. When are you most tempted to rush into action instead of simply listening to God?
- Why do you think people often prefer "mountaintop experiences" rather than the everyday work of following Jesus?
- What might it look like in your life this week to truly **listen to Jesus**?

V. Prayer

Spend time in prayer together:

- Thank God for revealing who Jesus truly is.
- Ask God to help you slow down and listen to Jesus' voice.
- Pray for faithfulness not only in spiritual "mountaintop" moments but also in the ordinary rhythms of daily life.
- Ask God to give you strength to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

VI. Digging Deeper

For additional reflection:

- **Exodus 31:18** – Moses receiving the tablets from God on Mount Sinai.
- **1 Kings 19:9–12** – Elijah encountering God on Mount Horeb.
- **Luke 9:18–20** – Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah.
- **Hebrews 1:1–3** – How Jesus fulfills and surpasses the Law and the Prophets.
- **Psalms 46:10** – "Be still, and know that I am God."

