

From the transfiguration we see:

I. The transfiguration is divine confirmation that Jesus is God.

Hebrews 1:3, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Genesis 22:11-13, Deuteronomy 18:15, Luke 9:30-31

II. Jesus is the sustainer in our suffering.

Malachi 4:4-5, Matthew 17:11-13, Isaiah 53:4-5

III. Jesus guarantees the future glory of all who are His own.

Hebrews 7:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 12:2, 2 Cor. 3:18, Romans 8:28-30, 1 Peter 1:6-7

Mark 9:1-13

¹ And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” ² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ¹² And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

- 1) The pivot that Jesus made after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ in chapter 8 to immediately describe his upcoming death as the suffering servant was a surprise to the disciples. How was the transfiguration an encouragement to them? How is the transfiguration an encouragement to you?
- 2) Does the description of Jesus' glorified state interacting with Moses and Elijah open up your eyes to the spiritual world around us? So many people are desperately seeking the things of this world. What steps can you practically take to grow in making daily decisions in light of eternity?
- 3) Did it surprise you to see that Jesus was discussing with Moses and Elijah the exodus that Jesus will bring at Jerusalem? What specifically is the exodus that Jesus is talking about? Does knowing that Jesus has freed us from our slavery to sin motivate you to choose not to sin? Share a circumstance where God's love for you helped you break a sin habit.
- 4) Seeing Jesus in His glorified state confirms for us that He is God and that He will see us through the suffering he has planned for our lives. In verse 7 God the Father states, "This is my beloved Son; Listen to Him!" What is God telling you today to obey from His Word?
- 5) There are three other scriptures where the Greek word "*metamorphoo*" is used. Once in the companion passage of the transfiguration in Matthew 17:2 and also in Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. In these verses we see that God is doing a transfiguration process in us saints. What fruit of "*metamorphoo*" has been displayed in your life in your journey of sanctification?
- 6) How can the sanctification process described in Romans 8:28-30 and 1 Peter 1:6-7 be an encouragement to you? And how can you apply these verses to your lives?