

## THE TRANSFIGURATION TELLS US \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Peter 1:16-18**, “For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of His majesty**.<sup>17</sup> For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”<sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

**John 1:4-5**, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup> **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**”  
**John 1:14**, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**1 Peter 4:12-13**, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.<sup>13</sup> But rejoice **insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.**”



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Mark 9:2-13

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## “On and Off the Mount”

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“The King and His Cross”

### Mark 9:2-13

“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,<sup>3</sup> and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.<sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.<sup>5</sup> 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.”<sup>6</sup> For He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.<sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.”<sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead

might mean. <sup>11</sup> And they asked Him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

**INTRODUCTION: “You do you”** <sup>1</sup>

**Mark 9:35**, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

**Mark 8:35**, “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

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**v. 2-3**, “And He was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and His clothes became **radiant, intensely white**, as no one on earth could bleach them.”

**Matthew 17:2**, “And He was transfigured before them, and **His face shone like the sun**, and His clothes became white as light.”

**Hebrews 1:3a**, “He is the **radiance** of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature ...”

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<sup>1</sup> The Introduction is adapted from the article, “How a “You do You” Culture Has Made Us Vulnerable to the Coronavirus” from the blog [Canon Fodder](#) by Dr. Michael Kruger, President, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, 3/19/20, [www.michaelkruger.com](http://www.michaelkruger.com).  
<sup>2</sup> The Exposition of the text is adapted from the sermon, “The Transfiguration” by Dr. Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, 3/11/12, [The Tim Keller Sermon Archive](#), [Logos Bible Software 8.12](#); and my sermon “The Transfiguration of the King” preached here at Potomac Hills on 1/19/14. **And the books**, [Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God](#) (previously published as [The King’s Cross: The Story of the World in the Life of Jesus](#)), by Dr. Tim Keller, pages 121-129.

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**Isaiah 6:5**, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

**Job 42:5-6**, “I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You; <sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

**v. 5**, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three **tents**, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”?

**v. 7**, “And **a cloud overshadowed them**, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.”

**John 2:19**, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

**Philippians 2:6-7**, “though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> **but emptied Himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

**John 17:5**, “And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.”

**John 17:22**, “The glory that You have given Me **I have given to them**, that they may be one even as We are one.”