

## **The Gospel of Luke**

### **The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ**

Luke 9:28-36

1. **A Glorious Revelation** (vs.28-29)

It was normal for Jesus to go away from the crowds in order to pray (Luke 5:16; 11:1), and occasionally He brought His disciples along with Him (cf. Luke 22:39-41). While He was praying, Jesus was gloriously transfigured to such a degree that even His clothing was changed (cf. Matt 17:2; Mark 9:3).

2. **A Heavenly Conversation** (vs.30-31)

A. **The Significance of those Present: Moses and Elijah**

Moses' presence is likely because He is the chief representative of God's past work in both revelation and redemption (cf. Luke 24:44). Elijah is there because he has a uniquely significant place in the ministry of the Messiah (cf. Mark 9:11-13).

B. **The Significance of Their Conversation**

While Jesus had only recently informed the disciples that He must be rejected, suffer, and die (cf. Luke 9:22), Moses and Elijah speak to Jesus with certainty that this was going to happen.

3. **An Earthly Reaction** (vs.32-33)

The disciples had a bad habit of falling asleep at the wrong time (cf. Matt 26:43), and they now awoke to a very amazing reunion. Peter was overwhelmed with this experience and was unable to find the right thing to say (cf. Mark 9:6),

4. **A Divine Pronouncement** (vs.34-35)

The sudden appearance of a cloud which engulfed the disciples intensified the fear that they had experienced from when they first awoke (Mark 9:6) and that culminated when God spoke from the cloud (Matt 17:6). Instead of speaking to Jesus, God speaks directly to the disciples concerning Jesus (cf. Luke 3:21-22).

5. **The Fulfillment of a Promise** (cf. v.27)

When God was glorified through the many merciful miracles performed by Jesus and the disciples, the kingdom of God was said to be near them (cf. Luke 10:8-9). This experience of the three disciples uniquely fulfilled Jesus' promise that some of His disciples would see the kingdom of God before they died.

6. **An Intentional Silence** (v.36)

Jesus commanded that the disciples keep silent about this experience until after His resurrection (Matt 17:9; Mark 9:9; cf. Luke 9:19).