

## **The Transfiguration**

Luke 9:28-36

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Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. He took Peter, John, and James with him. While Jesus was praying, the three disciples fell into a deep, unnatural sleep. Then the whole appearance of Jesus' face changed and his clothes became dazzling white, flashing with the brilliance of lightning. Suddenly two men appeared – they were Moses and the prophet Elijah. They talked with Jesus about his upcoming death in Jerusalem and what it was going to mean.

As Peter, John, and James struggled back toward wakefulness they saw the radiance of Jesus and the heavenly glory of the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah turned to leave, Peter blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! We should build three shelters – one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He was babbling.

Suddenly a cloud overshadowed them, and fear swept over the disciples as the cloud enveloped them. Then a voice came from the cloud, "This is my son. I have chosen him. Listen to him."

Even while the voice was still speaking, the three disciples could see that Jesus was the only one still standing there, Moses and Elijah had gone. Peter, John, and James were stunned into silence, and it was a long time before they talked to anyone about what they had seen and heard on the mountain that day.