

What's Happening in Sunday School?

Today, the Old Testament and New Testament readings parallel one another. There is a revealed glory on a mountaintop, bathing those present in light in both passages. In Exodus, Moses is the witness of God's revealed glory. In the New Testament, James, John, and Peter are the witnesses of Jesus revealing his glory (here the disciples see that Jesus is also fully God). The Epistle bears witness to the reality that God reveals the knowledge of Jesus Christ to those who believe and have faith in the work of Jesus.

In the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah make an appearance. They represent the Law and the Prophets. Their presence marks Christ as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The disciples see Christ revealed in his glorious form, but also reach a deeper understanding of who Christ is, helping them put what Jesus was teaching them into context. God's voice commanded them to listen to Jesus and lent further credence to what was happening.

How does the transfiguration affect us today? Like all the major things that Jesus did, the transfiguration was just one more stepping stone in the path that He created for us. Rather than simply instructing us in how we should go, Jesus did everything that we have done and will do in our Christian walk. Glorified bodies await us in our resurrection, and so we glimpse a bit of heaven in this passage.

Digging Deeper

- Who all was present during the Transfiguration?
- Where else do we see Jesus pulling Peter, James, and John aside for a special reason?
- When Moses returned to the people below, why did he have to cover his face?

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BOOTHS	ELIJAH	FULLY GOD
FULLY MAN	GLORY	JAMES
JESUS	JOHN	LAW
MOSES	MOUNTAIN	PETER
PROPHETS	SHINE	SINAI
TRANSFIGURATION	WELL PLEASED	WHITE

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