

TITLE AND NUMBER: 15. The transfiguration of Christ



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. (v. 2-3) A voice came from the cloud, "This is my Son whom I love. Listen to Him." (v.7)

LOOKING FURTHER: Luke 9:28-36

What does this Bible passage tell us?

It's interesting that there were only three disciples with Jesus on the Mountain of Transfiguration. Why not all twelve? Well, it's thought, they were more ready than the others to **understand** and **change**. Although they were just as prone to making mistakes and getting things wrong, just like all of us.

We read in the story of the birth of Jesus that Mary was chosen because she was prepared to say yes to God's will for her. "May it be to me as you have said," she tells the angel. One of the things I love about the Gospel is that Jesus isn't impressed by position, family heritage or wealth. He sees **your heart**.

God's holiness was shown on the mountain top. God is all powerful, all loving but also the child in the manger, the helper, the burden lifter, the hope. Jesus was fully God and fully man. In His death on the cross and in His resurrection, Jesus has set us right with God. So, it doesn't matter what you've done or haven't done, let Jesus change you into the person God intended you to be.



Reflections:

- Start the day by saying, "God loves me as I am and not just as I could, would or should be."
- How might you live and think differently if you thought that God loved you as you are and wanted to help you change?
- What are the things you need God to change in you?
- Who can you go to for help in making this change?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

