

TITLE AND NUMBER: 276 What a view



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: 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. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

LOOKING FURTHER: Exodus 24:9–18; 2 Corinthians 3:16–18

What does the Bible passage tell us?

Have you ever been so high up, you could see for miles? Maybe a tall building, or a mountain, or even the window of a plane? Suddenly, you see everything laid out before you, everything is clear. It can be unsettling or exhilarating – or both!

The Transfiguration is a moment of breathtaking clarity. Jesus leads Peter, James and John up the mountain, away from the noise and demands of everyday ministry, and there He reveals the big picture: who He really is — a little of His true glory. The dazzling whiteness of His clothes and the presence of Moses and Elijah point to Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. This is not a new path God is taking, but the unfurling of a long-promised story.

When the moment passes, only Jesus remains. The glory does not disappear, but it is now hidden from view again.

When God feels close and faith feels vivid, we long to hold on – like Peter did. These are the days when God’s plan and His character feel so clear to us. But there are days when everything seems cloudy and hidden from view. Whether the days are clear or cloudy, Jesus is always with us, and we can trust in Him. As God reminds the disciples, so He reminds us: ‘This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!’

Reflection

- How do you think the disciples felt when they were on the mountain with Jesus? Think about a time when you have felt ‘on top of the world.’
- Do you feel like sometimes you see God more clearly than you do at other times? Why not keep a diary. Sometimes, memories of seeing Him clearly can help us on the days that feel ‘cloudy.’
- Which Bible passages help you see God more clearly? Why not try to read a little every day. That way, even on the cloudy days, you still get to glimpse Him in all His glory.

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.

