

The Transfiguration of Jesus

The definition of *Transfiguration* can be found in the glossary of your Handbook. It is:

A _____ event in which _____, _____, and _____ see Jesus speaking to _____ and _____, two important people from the _____. The event is so called because Jesus' _____ was transformed and revealed his _____.

Read the biblical account of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8) and respond to the following questions:

1. Where did the Transfiguration take place? _____
2. From where did Moses give the Ten Commandments? _____
3. Where did Jesus give the Sermon on the Mount? _____
4. We have learned that Jesus came to teach us the New Law. Why was it important that two leaders of the Old Law were speaking with Jesus?

5. In Matthew 17:5, the Father speaks from the cloud. In what other event in Jesus' life does this happen? _____
6. What does the Father say about Jesus? _____
7. What was the reaction of Jesus' followers? _____
8. What did Jesus say to them at that point? _____
9. Just before the Transfiguration, Jesus had told the disciples about his suffering and death. He also told them that they must be prepared to follow him and carry their own crosses (see Matthew 16:21–28). Peter protested and said, "That must never happen to you!" (verse 22). At that point, Jesus said to him, "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way!" (verse 23).

Why do you think Peter would hope that suffering and death would not come to Jesus?



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10. Read Matthew 16:24–28. Jesus knew he would suffer and die, but that it would not be the end of his life. He would come again in glory. The Transfiguration comes right after this. How do you think Peter and the other disciples felt after they realized for themselves that Jesus was truly God’s Son and would live in glory?

11. The Transfiguration teaches us that we can go through something hard if we know there will be a “happy ending.” For example, we can practice a skill (like a sport or a musical instrument) because we know it will help us do better in games or be able to play a song we like. Name one hard thing that you do and what “happy ending” will result.

Name a hard thing that you do:

Name a “happy ending” that will result from doing the hard thing:

