

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18

## Notes for Further Study

- 1. Read Exodus 24. What similarities are there between that event and the transfiguration?
  - a. Before entering God's presence, what had to happen in Moses' case (Ex. 24:5-8)
  - Moses' appearance "shined," too. Read Exodus 34:29-35.
     What was the difference between Moses' & Jesus' "shine?"
- 2. Why were Moses and Elijah the two who met with Jesus? (Some say they represent the law and the prophets.)
  - a. For Moses, read Deuteronomy 18:18-19.
  - b. For Elijah, read Malachi 4:5-6.
  - c. Do these passages indicate a clear Messianic connection?
- 3. Compare all four transfiguration accounts (Matthew 17:1-8, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:16-18 above).
  - a. Along with Hebrews 1:3, how does the 2 Peter description describe the glory of Jesus?
  - b. What does the cloud have to do with the glory of God? Trace the history of "the cloud" in the passages listed in the outline on the other side. How might these connections impact our understanding of this event?
  - c. The term "overshadowed" in Mark 9:7 is the same word for how the Holy Spirit would place Jesus in Mary's womb in Luke 1:35. How would this power affect the disciples?
- 4. Why is this event so central to believers today?
  - a. Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Not only does this event reveal to us the identity, glory and authority of Jesus but it reminds us of the change taking place in believers.
  - b. The word "transfigure" is the word for "transform" in 2 Cor.
    3:18 and Romans 12:2. Jesus temporarily reverted to His true identity but we gain new identity. How? (Hint: Mk 9:7)