

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Twenty-Eight

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Text: Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36

Introduction:

1. Jesus and His apostles traveled north to the region of Caesarea Philippi – still in Gentile country.
2. Here, Peter confessed the deity of Christ and Jesus informed His apostles about the building of His church (Matthew 16:13-20).
3. He also began instructing them that God’s plan would involve His death (Matthew 16:21-28).
4. These ideas all come together in an amazing miracle witnessed by Peter, James, and John – the transfiguration of Jesus.

I. The Miracle

- A. Jesus took Peter, James, and John aside from the other apostles and they went up onto a high mountain.
 1. This is the second time these three have been separated from the other to witness an important work of the Savior.
 2. The “high mountain” is possibly Mount Hermon near the city of Caesarea.
 3. However, it also seems that Jesus was back in Galilee when this event transpired.
- B. This miracle is unique for it seems to have been done to Jesus rather than by Him.
 1. Jesus went into the mountain to pray.
 2. While He was praying, the transfiguration occurred.
- C. The miracle was marvelous in its appearance.
 1. His face shone like the sun.
 2. His clothing became pure white and began to shine.
 3. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about his approaching death.
 4. They were overshadowed by a bright cloud from which God spoke.
- D. Just as quickly as it had begun, the miracle ended, and Jesus was left alone with the three.

II. The Manifestation

- A. This miracle manifested the deity of Jesus, which Peter had recently confessed.
- B. This miracle showed the glory of Jesus (cf. John 1:14; 2 Peter 1:17-18).
- C. This miracle demonstrated the authority of Jesus.
- D. This miracle confirmed the coming death and resurrection of Jesus.

III. The Message

- A. There is life beyond the grave!
 - 1. This was an encouragement to Jesus as He would soon face Calvary.
 - 2. It was an encouragement to the apostles that death is not defeat.
- B. Even though the multitude was turning away from Jesus, God was “well pleased” with Him.
- C. The Gospel of Christ superceded the Old Testament Law and Prophets.
- D. We must hear Jesus!