

THE TRANSFIGURATION

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. A Quick Review of Last Week: The power of God as revealed in the miracles of Jesus Christ (Mark 6:30-44 – Feeding the Five Thousand)

III. Introductory Questions:

- What are some things you *already know* about the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ?
- What do you think is *the relevance* of the story of the Transfiguration to the REALITY of the Christian's life? In other words, what is the "so what?" of this story?

IV. Our Lesson: Luke 9:28-36, the "Transfiguration"

a. What does the word, "transfiguration", mean, and where does it come from?

- A little Greek: 'metamorphoo' (pronounced, "met-am-or-FO'-o), which means, 'to change the essential form or nature of something'. Outside of the Transfiguration accounts, this word appears in two other places in our New Testament:
 - Romans 12:2 "...be transformed in..." (compare Eph. 4:23)
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 "...are being transformed..."

b. Some features of the story:

(i) Peter, James and John: in addition to being selected by Jesus to see the transfiguration, they were also:

- among first disciples chosen (Mark 1:16-20);
- alone at raising of Jarius' daughter (Luke 8:51),
- when Peter's mother-in-law was healed (Mark 1:29-31);
- on the Mount of Olives, when Jesus foretold the destruction of the Temple (Mark 13:3)

(ii) The Voice from the Cloud:

- Compare Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3:21-22)

(iii) Moses and Elijah:

Each had a revelation from God: (Exodus 33:17-23; 1 Kings 19:11-18)

(iv) The Trinity:

V. Conclusions: Jesus's transfiguration, our Transformation