



Matthew 17:1-8

- Matt. 17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;
- Matt. 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.
- Matt. 17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.
- Matt. 17:4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- Matt. 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
- Matt. 17:6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.
- Matt. 17:7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."
- Matt. 17:8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Observations & Discussion

In our previous study Jesus made some pretty intense demands of anyone who wanted to be one of His disciples; He said that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross & follow Him. His point was that we would have to suffer before we experience glory and that there is a cross in each of our lives that must be borne before we receive a crown. With that context in mind answer you can now answer the questions below.

1. Why do you think Jesus chose *this time* in His ministry to show the disciples His glory? What did this experience teach the disciples about their Rabbi?

2. How does what Jesus said in Matthew 16:27-28 relate to what the disciples experienced in the text we're looking at this evening?

3. Based on your observations and answers to the questions above what's the lesson and truth that Jesus wants you to get ahold of and apply in your life?

4. Using a Bible concordance (the books on the table or blueletterbible.org) look up the word "*transfigured*" in vs 2. What does it mean & what does that tell you about what the disciples saw and experienced on the mountain? (you might want to compare how the other Gospels describe what they saw—Mark 9:3 & Luke 9:29.)

5. How do you think this experience changed Peter, James, and John? Check out 2Peter 1:16-18 for some insight.

6. Why of all the people who could have appeared with Jesus did God select Moses & Elijah? What was God communicating to the disciples & us about Jesus?