# The Transfiguration of Jesus KZ Lesson 8 23 20

# Memory Verse: Matthew 17:5 (NKJV)

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Target Thought: We are to hear Jesus and follow Him.

Matthew 17:1-13 (NKJV)

**17**Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; **2**and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. **3**And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. **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.”

**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!” **6**And when the disciples heard *it,* they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. **7**But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” **8**When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

**9**Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

**10**And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

**11**Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. **12**But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” **13**Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

This experience for the disciples was something they had never experienced before. It made the disciples pretty terrified. How do you think that you would have felt? how would you have reacted? What do you think made Jesus and His clothes turn white (vs2) ? I will tell you (1.) it was the Glory of God being manifested in Jesus. Explain to me some ways the glory of God is manifested in us.

Then they saw Moses and Elijah, well-known servant of God that had lived in the old testament time. They didn’t know what to do, and then they heard God’s voice announce (2.)“this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased—listen to Him!” The disciples realized they were in God’s presence, and they fell flat on their faces in fear…,

The fear here doesn't mean terror, remember God didn't give us a spirit of fear but of power, of love, and of a sound mind. The meaning of the word fear here is an (3.) awesome reverent respect of God and who He is. Jesus comforted the disciples and encouraged them to get back up. The disciples had caught a peek of who Jesus is, the anointed Son of God. Our Savior.

When Jesus came to Earth, it was sort of like He was God in disguise. He is truly and completely a human person, but He is also totally God. Many people had been waiting for the Messiah and wondering what He would be like. The disciples had wondered if Jesus was the One they had long awaited.

They thought He was. But this experience on the mountain took away any possible doubt. Seeing Jesus transformed and hearing God’s voice made them absolutely certain of who they were following. This was really and truly God. How do you think that made them feel? They were probably pretty relieved at knowing who Jesus is for sure…and they were also probably excited! I’ll bet they hurried to tell the other disciples, and couldn’t wait to spend more time with Jesus. Are we that excited? After all, we have more than just a peek. We know the rest of the story…Jesus not only lived as a human, but He died and rose again so that we could have life with God. He is really God, and became a person like us. Let's pray:

Father God we ask you to help us to listen to and follow after Jesus, and help us to tell others about Him. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

1. What made Jesus' face and clothes turn white?

2. What did God the Father say about Jesus, and what are we supposed to do?

3. Explain the meaning of the word fear in our lesson today.