

耶稣登山变相的意义  
**Significance of Christ's Transfiguration**  
**Matthew 17:1–13**

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**The Transfiguration**

**17** <sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him <sup>2</sup>Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>3</sup>And he was <sup>4</sup>transfigured before them, and <sup>5</sup>his face shone like the sun, and <sup>6</sup>his clothes became white as light. <sup>7</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>8</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for <sup>9</sup>Elijah.” <sup>10</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, <sup>11</sup>a bright cloud overshadowed them, and <sup>12</sup>a voice from the cloud said, <sup>13</sup>“This is my beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>with whom I am well pleased; <sup>15</sup>listen to him.” <sup>16</sup>When <sup>17</sup>the disciples heard this, <sup>18</sup>they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>19</sup>But Jesus came and <sup>20</sup>touching them, saying, **“Rise, and <sup>21</sup>have no fear.”** <sup>22</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>23</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, **“Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”** <sup>24</sup>And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say <sup>25</sup>that first Elijah must come?” <sup>26</sup>He answered, **“Elijah does come, and <sup>27</sup>he will restore all things. <sup>28</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but <sup>29</sup>did to him whatever they pleased. <sup>30</sup>So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.”** <sup>31</sup>Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Our understanding of Christ and his identity can often be incomplete. Our minds are often limited to Christ's human context though we understand that he is divine and God incarnate. His work on earth often rules our thoughts and our perspectives because we speak about what he has done while he was here. He fulfilled the law, he suffered and died on the cross, he promised that he is with us until the age and we do encourage each other with these promises. We think of Christ as our Savior who saves us from our sins, which is the truth, **but** the Scriptures communicate the true identity of the person of Christ without emphasizing one aspect of his person or another.

**Do we consider Christ in his divine splendor? Do we think of Him in those terms? We must behold Christ in a right view of His identity.**

The puritan **Stephen Charnock**: *“God is a Spirit infinitely happy, therefore we must approach him with cheerfulness; he is a Spirit of infinite majesty, therefore we must come before him with reverence; he is a Spirit infinitely high, therefore we must offer up our sacrifices with the deepest humility; he is a Spirit infinitely holy, therefore we must address with purity; he is a Spirit infinitely glorious, we must therefore acknowledge his excellency in all that we do, and in our measures contribute to his glory, by having the highest aims in his worship; he is a Spirit infinitely provoked by us, therefore we must offer up our worship in the name of a pacifying mediator and intercessor.”*

**The transfiguration is needed in order to reveal the true identity of the Christ. This is a revelation of a pre-incarnate glory of the Divine Being.**

- I. **Consideration:** Deity manifested in the Son (vv.1–3)
- II. **Consideration:** Deity of the Son acknowledged (vv.4–8)
- III. **Consideration:** Deity of the Son rejected (vv.9–13)

*1st Consideration: Deity manifested in the Son (vv.1–3)*

**Mark 5:37** *“And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.”*

**Exodus 34:29–30** *“<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that **the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.** <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.”*

**John MacArthur** of the Transfiguration: *“Here is the greatest confirmation of His deity yet in the life of Jesus.”*

**Jn. 1:14** *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**Rev. 1:16** *“In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.”*

**Have you seen Him as he ought to be seen? Have you known Him as He is worthy to be known? Has he ever satisfied you with a glimpse of His Glory? Have you sought him with unquenchable thirst? Do you behold Him in his radiating of the divine glory?**

**Luke 9:30,31** *“And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”*

*2nd Consideration: Deity of the Son acknowledged (vv.4–8)*

**Zeph. 1:15** *“a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”*

**1 Thess. 4:17,18** *“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.”*

**John 8:58** *“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”*

**The Father’s affirmation of his Son is not only a declaration of his love for him but it is the affirmation of the divinity of the Son.**

**Ezekiel 1:28b** *“Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of the one speaking.”*

**Revelation 1:17a** *“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.”*

**Daniel 10:9** *“Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.”*

*3rd Consideration: Deity of the Son rejected (vv.9–13)*

**Matt. 16:20** *“Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.”*

**Malachi 4:5** *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”*

**Matthew 23:24** *“You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!”*

**Matthew 14:8–12** *“Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter. And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.”*

**Thomas Boston:** *“It is certain that Christ fought and overcame all his enemies: he gave them the last blow upon the cross, he seized on the spoil at his resurrection, and led them in triumph at his ascension into heaven, and by his peaceable possession of his throne his subjects enjoy the benefit of all.”*