

Sunday, February 15th, 2026
Sermon Series: “Matthew’s Messiah.”
“The Transfiguration” *Matthew 17.1-9*
(Epiphany)

The *Transfiguration*—The Identity of Jesus is Revealed

*Matthew 17.1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was **transfigured** before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.*

μεταμορφόομαι (*metamorphoomai*): “To transform” (To transform the essential form and nature of something)

Exodus 24.16-18 The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain...

*Matthew 17.3-5a ...³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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 Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them...*

σκηνή (*skēnē*): “Dwelling” (Tent/Tabernacle)

For...

Trusting in Jesus and Enduring with Jesus.

Matthew 17.5b-9 ... and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And 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.”

2 Peter 1.17-19 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...



The Transfiguration, by Raphael, 1518–20 (bibleplaces.com)

The Transfiguration was a glimpse of the power and glory of Jesus and the promise of His return to set the world right. Above is an artistic rendering of this significant event in Jesus' life and that of His disciples.