

**December 6, 2017**  
***“The Transfiguration and Christmas –  
Whose Birth Are We Really Celebrating?”***  
**Matthew 17:1-8**

- 1) Transfiguration happens on a High Mountain
  
- 2) Witnessed by only a few – Peter, James and John
  - Acts 10:40-41, Mark 5
  
- 3) He was changed - metamorphosed
  
- 4) He is changed into light because God is light (I John 1:5), dwells in the light (I Tim 6:16), covers himself in light (Ps 104:2)
  - John 1:5, John 1:10, Ex. 34
  
- 5) Significance of Moses and Elijah
  - Deut. 34:5-6, II Kings 2, Matt 22:40
  
- 6) Peter talks of building three tabernacles
  - Ps. 84:10, Matt 16:22
  
- 7) The Father’s pronouncement over Jesus is similar to His pronouncement in Matt 3:17 at the beginning of Christ’s ministry.
  
- 8) Pronouncement is meant to differentiate the Christ.

9) It was not in seeing Christ transfigured that they fully believed, but by hearing also the pronouncement.

- II Cor. 5:7, Romans 10:17, Ps. 29:3-5, Col 1:15-20

10) God's glory and majesty does not keep him from tenderness and compassion.