

The Transfiguration

28 About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. **29** And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **30** Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. **31** They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

32 Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. **33** As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials^[a]—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **34** But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

35 Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One.^[b] Listen to him." **36** When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

43 While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, **44** "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies." **45** But they didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

Footnotes:

- a. **9:33** Greek "three tabernacles."
- b. **9:35** Some manuscripts read "This is my dearly loved Son."

Questions:

1. What were Moses and Elijah talking about with Jesus?
2. How was Jesus going to exodus (or depart) from this world?
3. God spoke in verse 35 saying - listen to Jesus. Jesus spoke in verse 44 saying - listen to me and remember what I say.

What was Jesus trying to explain to them in verse 44?

4. What was so important about what Jesus was trying to say to the disciples?
5. Explain why the Jesus' death and rising from the dead is so important to you.