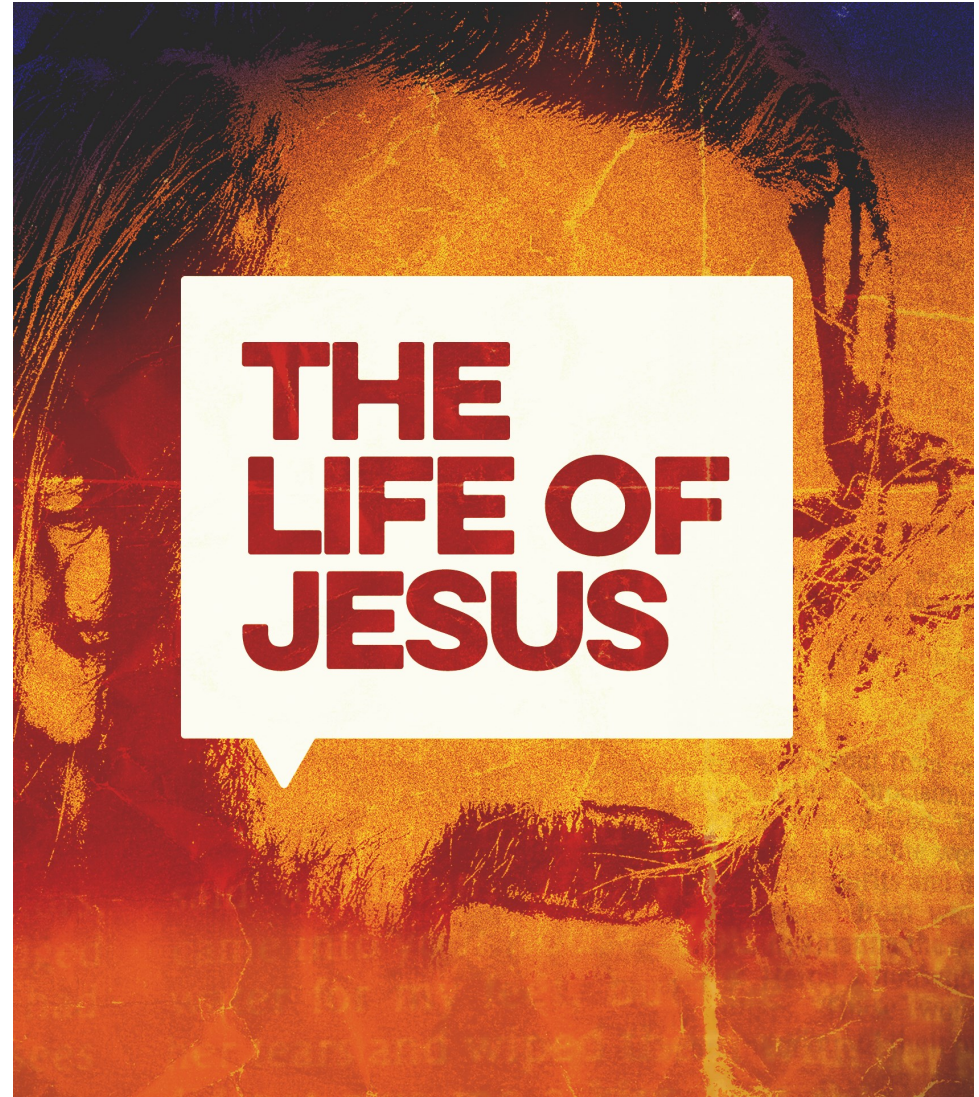


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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

READ: Matthew 17:1-9

Holy events often happen on the tops of mountains in the Bible. This is one of those stories. Jesus takes three disciples with him, Peter, James and John. When they arrive, Jesus is transformed. His face and clothes become very bright. With Jesus, there is Moses and Elijah. Peter is amazed and responds by asking if he should build shelters for Moses, Elijah and Jesus. In that moment, a voice is heard from within a cloud. The voice says, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” The disciples fall to their faces in fear, but Jesus lifts them up saying, “Do not be afraid.” Moses and Elijah are gone. The voice in the cloud is silent, and Jesus has returned to his former appearance.

The event served its purpose for Jesus himself and the disciples. As Jesus is preparing to soon do the most difficult part of his ministry (the passion and crucifixion) this event is a powerful affirmation from the Father. For the disciples, this event also strengthens them in their faith to follow and listen to Jesus when it will become the most difficult to do so. For us, it helps us see Jesus as divine, close to the Father, and readies us to follow him through thick and thin.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Describe a mountaintop experience in regards to your faith.
2. How do you suppose Jesus felt during this experience?

3. Why do you think Moses and Elijah were the ones who were speaking to Jesus?
4. Why did Jesus tell the disciples not to tell anyone until the Resurrection?
5. Why were the disciples filled with fear?
6. What would your response to this event have been?
7. How do you listen to the voice from the cloud and listen to Jesus?

PRAYER

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Help us always to see him as you want us to see him. Help us listen to his teaching. Help us do as he leads us every day. All this we pray in his name. Amen.