



Matthew 17:2-3 “There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.”

Today’s story can be found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Peter writes about it in one of his letters, too. Grownups call it The Transfiguration. Transfiguration means a complete change into something more beautiful. On our labyrinth, here is a picture of a glowing mountaintop. Connecting the New Testament to the Old Testament is a path to Jesus.

As we begin, Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James, and John up a high mountain to pray. While they are praying, Jesus is transfigured.

Matthew says, “His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.”

Luke says, “As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.”

That is surprising enough. But just as surprising, suddenly Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. Moses, who delivered the Ten Commandments, had been with God for a thousand years. The prophet Elijah had gone into the heavens 800 years before. And here they are talking with Jesus on a mountaintop!

As the disciples watch, a bright cloud covers them, and a voice from the cloud says, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

As they go down the mountain, Jesus knows that His time on Earth is getting shorter. The disciples will remember this transfiguration when Jesus dies and lives again.

God’s people have been following the laws of Moses and the lessons of Elijah. Now they will listen to God’s own Son, Jesus.

The Transfiguration

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Haven
believe
cloud
roman rule
sacrifice
rebuked
Jerusalem

crucified
viewpoint
overshadowed
mountain
commandments
messiah
transfiguration

blessing
repent
baptism
appearance
Moses
forgiven

arrested
arise
beloved son
kingdom
tabernacle
prophet