BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL (SSS 4)

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Text: Mark 9:1-13; Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

1. Present Peter, James and John

- 2. Also present
- a) Elijah
- b) Moses
- c) Talking with Jesus
- 3. Significance of these two OT saints appearing at the Transfiguration
- a) Revelatory
- b) Reality of the afterlife
- c) Recognizable personages

THE RESPONSE OF PETER

- 1. Addressing Jesus as "Rabbi" Mark 9:5
- 2. Good to be here
- 3. Three tabernacles Mark 9:5
- a) One for Jesus
- b) Another for Moses
- c) A third for Elijah
- 4. Comment on what Peter said
- a) He did not know what to say
- b) They were greatly afraid Mark 9:6

THE RESPONSE OF GOD THE FATHER

- 1. The appearance of a cloud
- 2. God's word to the Three Disciples
- a) This is My beloved Son
 - i) Not just Rabbi
 - ii) Jesus is God's only begotten Son
- b) Hear Him Mark 9:7

A FINAL WORD OF ADMONITION

- 1. They were not to tell anyone about the Transfiguration of Jesus
- 2. Till the Son of Man had risen from the dead Mark 9:9

THE THREE DISCIPLES

- 1. They were puzzled
- 2. They did not understand what Jesus meant by the resurrection of the dead Mark 9:10

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMING OF ELIJAH

- 1. That he would come before the Messiah appeared Mark 9:11
- 2. Elijah
- a) Is coming Mark 9:12
- b) Has come Mark 9:13
- c) Jesus was speaking of John the Baptiser who came in the spirit of Elijah Matthew 17:13
- 3. Suffering
- a) John came in the spirit of Elijah Mark 9:13
- b) The Son of Man will also suffer Mark 9:12

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HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM

Jesus graciously called humble folk to follow Him, He would do a special work in their lives from deep within. Through His teaching He would enlighten their minds, But there was always one thing or another that made them blind.

He taught His disciples how to minister with compassion in the heart, He fed the multitudes, healed the sick but few understood that He was set apart. He was the Beloved Son of God sent on a Divine Mission to save the lost, This was a Mission that could only be fulfilled at a very high cost.

The power of Jesus was demonstrated time and time again,
Yet somehow dark doubts and fears still remained!
There was a battle ahead that the disciples must courageously face,
They must dare to deny themselves, take up their cross and Christ embrace.

Jesus graciously revealed Himself to three of His disciples in His transfiguration, They would have the privilege of seeing Him in His glory and be filled with fascination! The Teacher they had followed was no ordinary man but the Divine Son of God, Their faith must no longer waver for this revelation was a special blessing from the Lord.

The Kingdom of God was truly full of glory and power,
Their faith must be further strengthened from that very hour.
The transfiguration confirmed that Jesus was indeed the Son of God,
In that single moment eyes of faith caught a glimpse of the glory of the Lord.

Inspiration: Mark 9:2

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