

Sermon

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Gk *metamorphoō*

“to change into a wholly different form or appearance”

(Eng *“metamorphosis”*)

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His face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became as white as the light.**

Exodus 34:29-35

**29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai ...
he was not aware that his face was radiant
because he had spoken with the Lord.**

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Revelation 1:9-20

**13 ... among the lampstands
was someone like a son of man ...**

**16 ... His face was like the sun
shining in all its brilliance.**

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Revelation 21:9-27

**23 The city does not need the sun or the moon
to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light,
and the Lamb is its lamp.**

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John 1:1-18

**14 The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father.**



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2 Peter 1:12-21

**16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories
when we told you about the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ in power,
but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**



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**3 Just then there appeared before them
Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.**

4 Peter said to Jesus,

“Lord, it is good for us to be here.

**If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you,
one for Moses and one for Elijah.”**



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vv 13-20 *Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah*

16 ... "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

vv 21-28 *Jesus Predicts His Death*

23 ... "Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me;
you do not have in mind the concerns of God,
but merely human concerns."

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24 ... "Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."



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Hebrews 1:1-4 (NIV)

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets
at many times and in various ways,

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things,
and through whom also he made the universe.



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Luth: “All who want to be saved ought to listen to this preaching.

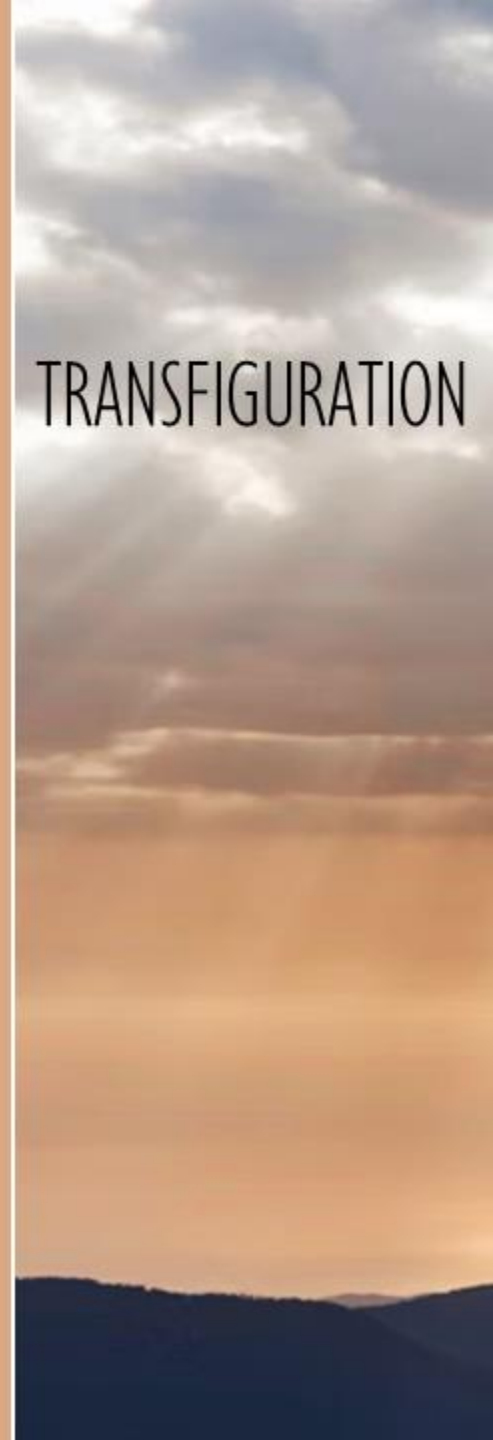
For the preaching and hearing of God’s Word are the Holy Spirit’s instruments.

By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God,

and to work in them both to will and to do.”

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**6 When the disciples heard this,
they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.**

7 But Jesus came and touched them.

“Get up,” he said.

“Don’t be afraid.”

8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.



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Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

**9 As they were coming down the mountain,
Jesus instructed them,**

**“Don’t tell anyone what you have seen,
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”**

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Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

*Where have you glimpsed Christ's glory
in your own life — and how did it change you?*

A prayer answered ... ?

A moment of clarity ... ?

An unmistakable God-incidence ... ?

A glimpse of beauty ... ?

An unexpected peace ... ?

Would you please share it !?

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*As you hear God say to you today,
“This is my Son... listen to him,”
what part of Jesus’ teaching
do you most need to hear — or obey?*

“Who do you say I am?”

“Take up your cross and follow me.”

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

“Let your light shine before others.”

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*What “mountain-top” experiences of faith
have you tried to hold onto —
instead of following Jesus back into ordinary life?*

*What do you need to let go of
in order to get moving again?*

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*When the cloud feels thick and God seems hidden
what helps you trust the sure word of Christ?*

**“19 We also have the prophetic message
as something completely reliable,
and you will do well to pay attention to it,
as to a light shining in a dark place.”**

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*Where is Jesus leading you
down the mountain right now —
into what relationship, responsibility, or risk?*

What do you need to do to prepare?

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*If others watched your life last week,
what would they have seen
that reflects the light of Christ?*

*How can you better
reflect the light of Christ this week?*

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