



Underestimating Jesus

Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday

Main Idea: The transfiguration reveals the glorious true identity and deity of Jesus Christ.

I. Look at the Glory of the Son of God (9:1-4).

A. He was God incognito (9:1-3).

B. He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (9:4).



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II. Listen to the Voice of God the Father (9:5-8).

A. Our human perspectives are often foolish (9:5-6).

B. The divine perspective is what we need (9:7-8).

III. Learn from the Suffering of God's Servants (9:9-13).

A. God's Son Jesus was crucified but rose from the dead (9:9-10).



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:2 A week later, Jesus took Peter, James and John away by themselves, and went up a high mountain. There he was transformed before their eyes. :3 His clothes shone with a whiteness that no laundry on earth could match. :4 Elijah appeared to them, and Moses too, and they were talking with Jesus.



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Moses goes with three named persons plus 70 elders up the mountain (Exod 24:1,9).

Jesus takes three disciples up the mountain (Mark 9:2).

Moses' skin shines when he descends from the mountain (Exod 34:29).

Jesus is transfigured and His clothes become radiantly white (Mark 9:2-3).



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God appears in veiled form in an overshadowing cloud (Exod 23:15-16,18).

A voice speaks from the cloud (Exod 24:16).

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**The people are afraid
to come near Moses
after he descends
from the mountain
(Exod 35:30).**

**The people are
astonished when they
see Jesus after He
descends from the
mountain (Mark 9:15).**



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:5 ‘Teacher,’ said Peter as he saw this, ‘it’s great to be here! I tell you what – we’ll make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!’ :6 (He didn’t know what to say; they were terrified.)

:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud: ‘This is my son, the one I love. Listen to him!’

:8 Then, quite suddenly, they looked round and saw nobody there any more, only Jesus with them.



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Col 1:16b-17

:16b Every detail was crafted through His design, by His own hands, and for His purposes. :17 He has always been! It is His hand that holds everything together.



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We cannot allow the circumstances of our lives to diminish Christ in our hearts. We are so prideful, thinking we know what God should do, and when and how he should do it. And, when he does not do things the way we expect, we tend to judge him and diminish our estimation of his greatness. Instead of submitting our will, emotions, and reason to him, we sometimes treat God like he is a corrupted human being.



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:9 As they came down the mountain, Jesus instructed them not to talk to anyone about what they had seen, ‘until’, he said, ‘the son of man has been raised from the dead’.



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Trust in Jesus

If we fully trusted in Jesus, we would not underestimate him.

Trusting Jesus involves not only believing in him, but also having faith that God is giving us what we need. It is trusting in his perfect timing. It also means that we trust his leading and believe he will tell us what we need to do to join him in the work that he is doing. Trusting God means following him despite a lack of understanding and without the full picture.



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How to trust Jesus

One way to keep ourselves from underestimating Jesus is to regularly put ourselves in a position to be overwhelmed by our great God. We need to put ourselves in the place where words fall short—the place where logic fails. We need to go to the place where all we can do is worship him.



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Our Challenge

After the voice from the cloud spoke to Peter, everything else disappeared. Moses, Elijah, and even the cloud faded away. Only Jesus was left.

He is all we have, and he is all we need. His greatness cannot be overestimated. There is none like him! Nothing else can satisfy like Jesus! No one else can save like our Lord! There is no greater love than that which flows from the heart of our Jesus! Let us make everyday Transfiguration Sunday because Jesus is worthy of all praise!



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Small Group Discussion Questions

- **In what ways is separation from Christ like being in the dark?**
- **In what ways does Jesus bring light?**
- **Can you think of a time when you underestimated God?**
- **Do you think Peter was wrong for wanting to extend the transfiguration experience?**
- **What makes you feel in awe of God? How can you encounter that on a regular basis?**





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