



HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM
MARK 9:2-4

An unusual and noteworthy delineation of time;

MARK 14:1, 14

¹ It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread...¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread"

Mark is inviting a connection to Moses;

EXODUS 24:16

¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

Parallels Between Moses and the Transfiguration of Christ	
The Transfiguration	Moses
The disciples are "prepared" for six days (Mark 9:2)	Moses is "prepared" for six days (Exodus 24:16)
Jesus goes up the mountain to pray (Luke 9:28)	Moses told to go up the mountain to worship (Exodus 24:1)
Jesus takes three—Peter, James, and John—up the mountain (Mark 9:2)	Moses takes three—Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu—up the mountain (Exodus 24:1)
Jesus transfigured "before them" (Mark 9:2)	Told to worship from afar (Exodus 24:1)
Only Peter, James, and John may come with Jesus (Mark 9:2)	Only Moses may come near (Exodus 24:2, 34:3)
Jesus' clothes and face are radiant during the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-3, Matthew 17:2)	Moses' face is radiant after talking with God (Exodus 34:29)
God appears in veiled form, overshadowed by a cloud (Mark 9:7)	God appears in veiled form, overshadowed by a cloud (Exodus 24:15-16, 18)
The glory of Jesus was displayed before the watching disciples (Mark 9:2)	The glory of the Lord "passed before" Moses (Exodus 34:6)
God's glory is displayed as brilliantly white clothing and radiant face (Mark 9:3, Matthew 17:2)	God's glory is displayed as "sapphire stone under His feet" (Exodus 24:10), and a "devouring fire" (Exodus 24:17)
A voice speaks from the cloud (Mark 9:7)	A voice speaks from the cloud (Exodus 24:16)
God proclaimed the Name of His Son (Mark 9:7)	God "proclaimed the name of the LORD" (Exodus 34:5)
God reveals Jesus' nature to the disciples (Mark 9:7)	God reveals His own nature to Moses (Exodus 34:6-7)
Peter struggles to respond with coherent words (Mark 9:5-6)	Moses struggles to respond with coherent words (Exodus 34:8-9)
The disciples are commanded to silence (Mark 9:9)	Moses is commanded to tell the people all of God's words from the mountain
The people are astonished to see Jesus after He descended from the mountain (Mark 9:15)	The people are astonished to see Moses, and are afraid to approach him after he descends down the mountain (Exodus 34:30)

Why does Jesus take three?;

DEUTERONOMY 19:15

¹⁵ "A single witness shall not suffice...for any crime...Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:1

¹ This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Mountains: the frequent location for God's revealing Himself to humanity;

EXODUS 19:18-20

¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire...

The Significance of Jesus and Mountains	
Prays	Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; John 6:15
Preaches	Mark 3:13; Matthew 5:1
Performs Miracles	Matthew 15:29; John 6:3
Is Tempted	Matthew 4:8
Calls His Disciples	Mark 3:13; Luke 6:12
Sends Disciples on Mission	Matthew 28:16
Accomplishes His Mission	Mark 11:1; Mark 14:32; Mark 15:22

Jesus' 'transfiguration';

ROMANS 12:2

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are *being transformed* into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

White clothing;

DANIEL 10:5

⁵ I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *a man clothed in linen...*

MATTHEW 28:3

³ His appearance was like lightning, and his *clothing white as snow.*

MARK 16:5

⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, *dressed in a white robe*, and they were alarmed.

JOHN 20:12

¹² And she saw two angels *in white*, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

ACTS 1:10

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them *in white robes...*

REVELATION 3:4

⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, *people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white*, for they are worthy.

REVELATION 4:4

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, *clothed in white garments*, with golden crowns on their heads.

REVELATION 6:11

¹¹ Then they were each given *a white robe* and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

REVELATION 7:9

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, *clothed in white robes...*

REVELATION 7:13

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, *clothed in white robes*, and from where have they come?"

REVELATION 14:14

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, *a white cloud*, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

REVELATION 19:14

¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, *arrayed in fine linen, white and pure*, were following him on white horses.

God and light;

LUKE 9:29

²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became *dazzling white*.

PSALM 104:2 (NKJV)

² Who cover *Yourself* with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

1 JOHN 1:5

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, *that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all*.

The topic of conversation;

LUKE 9:30-31

³⁰ ...Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his *departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem*.

—The Significance (for Jesus)—

The Father's active role in the Son's work;

ISAIAH 42:1-4

¹ Behold my servant, *whom I uphold*, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; *I have put my Spirit upon him*; he will bring forth justice...

MATTHEW 4:11 (SEE ALSO LUKE 22:43)

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and...*angels came and were ministering to him*.

LUKE 22:43

⁴³ And there appeared to him *an angel from heaven, strengthening him*.

—How does the Father strengthen the Son?—

1. By granting Him a preview of the glory that will follow His suffering

JOHN 17:5, 28

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence *with the glory that I had with you before the world existed*...⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, *to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world*.

God encourages His children in their lesser suffering in much the same way;

MATTHEW 19:29

²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

2. Through brief fellowship with redeemed and understanding souls

Souls now in the presence of God, are understanding of Jesus' mission;

LUKE 9:30-31

3. Through a verbal declaration of Fatherly delight and approval

Matthew's fuller account;

MATTHEW 17:5

⁵ ...behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

The sinless Son of God had all the needs of the human soul, and one of them was strengthening and encouragement from his Father

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