

INTRODUCTION

- * "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- * A couple weeks ago we saw Jesus declare clearly that He was the Lord of the Sabbath and that He was greater than the Temple.
- * Last week, we considered Jesus' questions to His disciples regarding His identity: Who do people say that I am? Who do you say that I am?
- * As we saw, your answer to this question concerns your eternal destiny!
- * While in the Caesarea Philippi region, Jesus provides three of His disciples with an even more demonstrative illustration of His identity!

INSTRUCTION**I. THE TRANSFORMATION OF M_____****A. The E_____ (v. 1-8)**

1. THE APPEARANCE OF THE M_____

2. THE APPEARANCE OF THE P_____ (cf. 1 Peter 1: 10-12)
 - a. Their Identification:

 - b. Their Discussion (cf. Luke 9: 31)

3. THE APPEARANCE OF THE C_____ (cf. 2 Peter 1: 16-21)
 - a. The P_____ of the Voice

 - b. The R_____ of the Disciples

B. The E_____ (v. 9-13)

1. REGARDING THE T_____ OF MESSIAH (v. 9)

2. REGARDING THE M_____ OF ELIJAH

II. THE TRANSFORMATION OF B_____**A. The Promise of a F_____ P_____ Transformation (cf. 1 Cor 15: 35-52; 2 Cor 5: 1-4; Phil 3: 20-21; 1 Jn 3:2)****B. The Call to a P_____ S_____ Transformation**

1. 2 CORINTHIANS 3: 7-18

2. ROMANS 12: 1-2 (cf. 2 Corinthians 4: 16; Ephesians 4: 17-24)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO DO YOU SAY THAT JESUS IS? WHAT DO YOUR LIPS AND YOUR LIFE REVEAL?
- * IS HE JUST ANOTHER PROPHET? OR, IS HE INCARNATE "I AM?"
- * WHAT ABOUT YOUR METAMORPHOSIS?

HAVE YOU EVEN ENTERED THE COCOON?

DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT AN ON-GOING TRANSFORMATIONAL PROCESS?

- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Consider Ephesians 4:17 - 6:9. What are some practical areas in which a transformation should take place in our lives?