

# Gospel Harmony Event # 70d

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Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36

[Question #1] Now it came to pass, about eight days [six days] after these sayings, that Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves to pray. As He prayed He was transfigured before them, the appearance of His face was altered [so that it] shone like the sun, and His robe became shining, exceedingly white as the light, like snow, and glistening, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

[Question #2] And behold, two men talked with Jesus, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared to them in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

[Question #3] Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master [Lord; Rabbi] it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." – not knowing what he said, because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

[Question #4] While he was still saying this, a bright cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When the voice had ceased [and] they had lifted up their eyes, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but Jesus was found alone.

[Question #5] Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept this word to themselves, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

[Question #6] And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

1. What is the significance of Jesus' physical transfiguration? [Matthew 17:1-2; Mark 9:2-3; Luke 9:28-29]
2. Why did Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus on this occasion? [Matthew 17:3; Mark 9:4; Luke 9:30-32]
3. What did Peter mean by his offer to build three tabernacles? [Matthew 17:4; Mark 9:5-6; Luke 9:33]
4. Was God's voice from the cloud a response to Peter? [Matthew 17:5-8; Mark 9:7-8; Luke 9:34-36]
5. Why was it important for the disciples not to share their experience until the resurrection of Christ? [Matthew 17:9; Mark 9:9-10; Luke 9:36]
6. Who was Elijah and why did he have to come first? [Matthew 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13]