

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VI – The Life of Christ
Lesson 15 – The Transfiguration

- I. Jesus sends out the Twelve to preach the “Gospel” (Luke 9:1-6)
 - A. The “Gospel” did not yet include the death and resurrection of Jesus
 - B. The “Gospel” (good news) is about the coming Kingdom
- II. Herod and the crowds contemplate whether Jesus was Elijah, John, or one of the prophets raised from the dead. (Luke 9:7-9)
- III. The feeding of the 5000 (Luke 9:10-17)
- IV. Jesus asked the disciples “Who do you say that I am?” (Luke 9:18-20)
 - A. Peter’s answer “The Christ of God” (“The Christ, the Son of the living God” – Matt. 16:16)
 1. This was an allusion to Psalm 2, where Jesus is called both the “Son” of God and the “Christ.”
 2. David wrote this because when God made the promise to David:
 - a. He said that his “son” would sit on David’s throne and reign forever (1 Chron. 17:11-14)
 - b. God said *“I will be His Father, and He will be My Son.”* (1 Chron. 17:13)
- V. Jesus BEGAN (Mark 8:31) to tell his disciples that He must be killed (vss. 21-22).
 - A. Jesus stated that those who wish to follow Him must also be ready to carry their cross daily (vs.23-26)
 - B. To alleviate their fear and confusion, Jesus predicted that some standing there would not die before they saw the Kingdom of God. (Luke 9:27-36)
 - C. 8 days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up into a mountain.
 1. Jesus was transfigured, and His garments became glowing white
 2. Moses and Elijah appeared “in glory” with Jesus.
 - a. Appearing “in glory” refers to the resurrected state of immortality (John 7:39; Col. 3:4)
 - b. Jesus told them later that this was a “vision” (Matt. 17:9)
 3. Peter referred to this incident just before his death (2 Pet. 1:16-21)
 - a. The Apostolic eyewitness testimony to their vision of the “Kingdom of God” is contrasted with the “cunningly devised fables” which could not be verified.
 - b. The vision and the voice from heaven confirmed the prophetic Scriptures concerning the coming Kingdom.