

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.