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New Testament 3

Law/Gospel

As a sinner, I tremble at the sound of God's voice, for I deserve punishment and am unworthy to see Him face-to-face.

As God's child, I have nothing to fear, for in His Word and Sacraments, Jesus gives me pardon and peace through His death and resurrection, making me worthy to stand face-to-face with God my Father.

Bible Words

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Fun Facts

Although the precise mountain where the Transfiguration occurred cannot be identified, many think that it was probably Mount Hermon, near Caesarea Philippi where Jesus and His disciples were when Peter confessed his faith. Mount Hermon rises 9,232 feet above sea level. Some suggest Mount Tabor as another site. Near the Sea of Galilee, it stands 1,929 feet high.

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1–9

Soon after Simon Peter publicly confessed Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of God,” Jesus pulled aside three close disciples to go up a mountain with Him. There, before their eyes, Jesus transformed. His glory as the Son of God made His clothes shine with heavenly brightness.

Then, Moses and Elijah appeared and talked to Jesus. Luke reports that they spoke about Jesus' departure, literally His exodus from Jerusalem after He suffered, died, and rose from the dead (Luke 9:31).

Wanting to stay on the mountain, Peter suggested making three tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A voice from a cloud interrupted him. It said “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him (Matthew 17:5).

The disciples fell on their faces. Jesus came and touched them and told them not to be afraid. When they looked up, they saw only Jesus.

Jesus told the three men not to tell anyone what they saw until after He rose from the dead.

Why did Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus?

At the end of the Book of Luke, Jesus said, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (24:44).

Moses and Elijah symbolize the Law and the Prophets.

As the Old Testament leader of the Israelites, Moses received the Ten Commandments, the Law, from God. He wrote the first five books of the Bible, which are sometimes referred to as “the Law.”

God's Old Testament prophets spoke His Word to the people. Elijah was the prophet when God sent fire to Mount Carmel to miraculously burn a drenched sacrifice and shame the prophets of Baal.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus in order to show that the fullness of the God dwelt in bodily form in Christ (Colossians 1:19). He fulfilled the whole Old Testament.

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