

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"Look to Jesus"

Background: Jesus was transfigured on the mountain that many scholars think that is Mount Tabor. *transfigured*. The word means "a change in appearance that comes from within," and it gives us the English word *metamorphosis*.¹

Luke 9:28-36 (NKJV): Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became white and glistening*. ³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² 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. ³³ Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"*—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ³⁶ When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

"Look to Jesus"

1. **Look to Jesus as an example of _____** (v. 28). ²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

How do we create a prayer culture in our church community?

- ✓ Prayer should be _____ before it is horizontal.
- ✓ Prayer should be a _____ instead of an activity.
- ✓ Prayer should move us _____ to God and each other.

2. **Look to Jesus to be _____ through prayer** (v. 29). As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became white and glistening*.

Matthew 17:2: He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 1, p. 207). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Mark 9:2b-3; He was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

Scripture Insight: The **high mountain** was most likely one of the foothills surrounding Mt. Hermon. They probably did not stand on Mt. Hermon itself, a snowy peak which rises to 9,232 feet. It is the highest point in all of Palestine. These mountains overlook Caesarea Philippi, where Peter's confession was made ([8:27-29](#)). Jesus' transfiguration deeply affected John and Peter, who mention it in their writings (see [John 1:14](#); [2 Pet. 1:16-18](#)).²

How do we shine our light for Christ?

✓ *Let Christ shine through you as you let Him live His life through you:*

Matthew 5:14-16: ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Romans 13:12: Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of life.

✓ *Remember that you can't whine and shine at the same time!*

Philippians 2:14-15: ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

2 Corinthians 3:18: But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

3. **Look to Jesus and reflect upon His _____ on your behalf** (v. 30-31).

³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Scripture Insight: *Elijah and Moses.* Elijah was taken to heaven alive ([2Ki 2:11](#)); God buried Moses ([Dt 34:6](#)). Jewish people expected the return of Elijah ([Mal 4:5 - 6](#)) and the coming of a prophet like Moses ([Dt 18:15 - 18](#)).³

I Peter 2:24 (NIV); He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

² Quote from NKJV Study Bible.

³ Quote from NIV Cultural Study Bible.

4. **Look to Jesus and don't allow earthly _____ to keep you from heavenly _____** (v. 32).³² 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.
5. **Look to Jesus and don't get _____ by other dazzling _____** (v. 33-35).³³ Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

Exodus 40:35: And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

6. **Look to Jesus and discover that when all you have is _____, you have everything** (v. 36)!³⁶ When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet and told no one

Keep the main thing the main thing.

- ✓ Jesus will never let you down, but others often will.
- ✓ Jesus will never leave you, but others often will.
- ✓ Jesus always wants the best for you, even when others don't.
- ✓ Jesus always has a plan for your life, even when others don't have a clue of what to do.

Sermon in a Sentence: *Look to Jesus and behold your everything!*



Action Steps:

- 1) **Place Jesus** at the **center** of your life, starting today!
- 2) **Chose** not to get **distracted** by "dazzling disciples," but keep your focus fixed on Jesus.
- 3) **Serve Jesus** through loving His Body-The Local Church-sign up for a **Serve Team** today!

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.

Preview for next Sunday: Jesus' Power over Demons. Luke 9:37-42.