

## **Matthew 17:1–9 – The Transfiguration**

### **Main Idea**

On a mountain, Jesus reveals His divine glory to Peter, James, and John. The disciples see who He truly is and hear God declare Him as His beloved Son. This moment strengthens them for the difficult road ahead.

### **What Happens in the Passage**

Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain.  
Jesus' appearance changes and shines with heavenly glory.  
Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Him.  
Peter suggests building three shelters.  
A bright cloud covers them, and God's voice speaks.  
The disciples fall in fear.  
Jesus touches them and tells them not to be afraid.  
The vision ends, and only Jesus remains.  
Jesus tells them to keep silent until after the resurrection.

### **Key Themes**

Revelation – God shows the disciples who Jesus really is.  
Fulfillment – Jesus stands as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.  
Encouragement – God gives strength before the coming cross.  
Authority – The command from heaven is clear, listen to Jesus.  
Comfort – Jesus meets fear with gentle reassurance.

### **Important Details to Notice**

The mountain setting connects this story to Moses on Sinai and Elijah on Horeb.  
Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents the Prophets.  
The shining face and bright clothes reveal Jesus' divine nature.  
Peter's reaction shows human confusion in holy moments.  
The voice from heaven echoes Jesus' baptism and confirms His identity.  
Jesus remains at the center after everything else fades away.

### **Questions for Reflection**

Why do you think Jesus chose only three disciples for this experience?  
What does the presence of Moses and Elijah tell us about Jesus?  
How does God's command to listen to Jesus apply to daily life?  
What fears keep us from trusting Christ more fully?  
Where have you experienced moments that strengthened your faith?

### **Practical Takeaways**

Faith sometimes needs reminders of God's bigger story.  
Jesus is greater than any other teacher or prophet.  
Spiritual experiences are meant to deepen obedience, not replace it.  
When fear rises, Jesus still says, "Don't be afraid."  
Discipleship means listening to Christ even when life feels uncertain.

### **Cross References to Explore**

Exodus 34:29–35 – Moses' shining face  
Deuteronomy 18:15 – Promise of a coming prophet  
Psalm 2:7 – God's declaration of His Son  
John 1:14 – Jesus' glory revealed  
2 Peter 1:16–18 – Peter remembers the Transfiguration

### **A Simple Prayer**

Lord Jesus, help us to see You clearly and to listen to Your voice. When we are afraid or confused, remind us of Your glory and Your presence. Strengthen our faith for the road ahead.  
Amen.