

Understanding the New Testament Gospels

The Mount of Transfiguration

- I.** Matthew's account (Mt. 16:28-17:8)
 1. Some, not Judas, would see the change in the Kingdom.
 2. Jesus' outward appearance changes.
 - 1) Jesus' face shines like the sun.
 - 2) His clothes are white as light.
 3. Moses and Elijah are talking with Him.
 4. Peter wants to make three tents.
 5. A bright cloud engulfs the three disciples.
 6. There is voice "Son . . . hear Him."
 7. Moses and Elijah leave after the cloud lifts.
 8. Peter, James and John have a vision.
- II.** Mark's account (Mk. 9:1-8).
 1. Mark adds:
 - 1) The three disciples kept the saying.
 - 2) The disciples questioned one another.
 - 3) Names the Kingdom of God.
 - 4) The disciples have questions regard resurrection.
 2. Mark leaves out:
 - 1) Face as the sun.
 - 2) Jesus comforts the disciples.
- III.** Luke's account (Lu. 9:27-36).
 1. Adds:
 - 1) Went to pray.
 - 2) Moses and Elijah in glory.
 - 3) The Kingdom of God.
 - 4) About 8 days.
 - 5) Jesus' glory.
 - 6) Jesus spoke of His exit.
 - 7) The disciples sleep.
 2. Leaves out:
 - 1) Jesus face shinning.
 - 2) Jesus comforting the disciples.
- IV.** Peter's interpretation (2 Pet. 1:16-18).
 1. His majesty was seen by Peter.
 2. The transfiguration pictured His coming in glory.
 3. Fixes time of glorification of Old Testament saints.