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Teen Study Guide: Jesus Is God's Son: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

Opening Reflection

Before diving into today's passage, take a moment to consider:

- Have you ever had a moment where something suddenly became clearer to you—like a light bulb turning on?
- What does it mean to truly see Jesus for who He is?

Read Matthew 17:1-13

Take turns reading the passage aloud. As you read, pay attention to the details:

- Who is present?
- What happens to Jesus?
- What does God say?
- How do Peter, James, and John react?

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Passage

1. Why do you think Jesus only took Peter, James, and John with Him to witness the Transfiguration? What does this tell us about their role among the disciples?
2. What do you think it would have been like to see Jesus' face shining like the sun and His clothes becoming white as light?
3. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? What do they represent in relation to Jesus?
4. In verse 5, God speaks from the cloud, saying, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."*
 - Where else in Scripture does God say this about Jesus?
 - Why do you think God tells the disciples to listen to Jesus?

Applying the Passage

5. Peter's response in verse 4 was to build three tabernacles for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Why was this the wrong response? Have you ever misunderstood a situation because you weren't seeing it from God's perspective?
6. In verse 6, the disciples fall on their faces in fear when they hear God's voice. What does this reaction tell us about encountering God's glory? How should we approach God in our own lives?



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7. In verse 8, after the vision ends, the disciples see "Jesus only."
 - Why is this significant?
 - How does this relate to our need to keep our focus on Christ alone?

Digging Deeper

8. Jesus tells the disciples in verses 9-13 not to tell anyone about the vision until after His resurrection. Why do you think He gave this command?
 9. The disciples ask about Elijah, and Jesus explains that John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah (verses 10-13). What does this teach us about prophecy and how God's plan unfolds?
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Life Application

10. The Transfiguration revealed Jesus' divine glory, confirming that He is God's Son. How does this truth impact your faith and your daily walk with Christ?
 11. Just as Peter, James, and John were changed by what they witnessed, how should knowing Jesus' true identity change the way you live?
 12. If God spoke to you and said, "*This is my beloved Son... hear ye him,*" what would that look like in your life right now? What is one way you can be more intentional about listening to Jesus this week?
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Closing Reflection & Prayer

- How has today's study challenged you?
- Pray together, thanking God for revealing Jesus' identity and asking for hearts that truly listen and obey Him.