

**Cross references and additional connections: Look these up!**

- ❑ Transfiguration - 2 Peter 1:16-18, Matthew 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36
- ❑ Baptism - Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:9-11
- ❑ Following Jesus - Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23
  - ❑ Matthew 25:34-46; 1 Peter 2:21
- ❑ Who we are in Christ - Galatians 4:7, 1 Peter 2:4, 2Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:37, Romans 8:14
- ❑ Who God is - Isaiah 42:8, Revelation 1:8, 1 John 4:8, Psalm 86:15, Isaiah 30:18
- ❑ “Listen to him!”- Deut 18:14-20, Acts 3:21-23

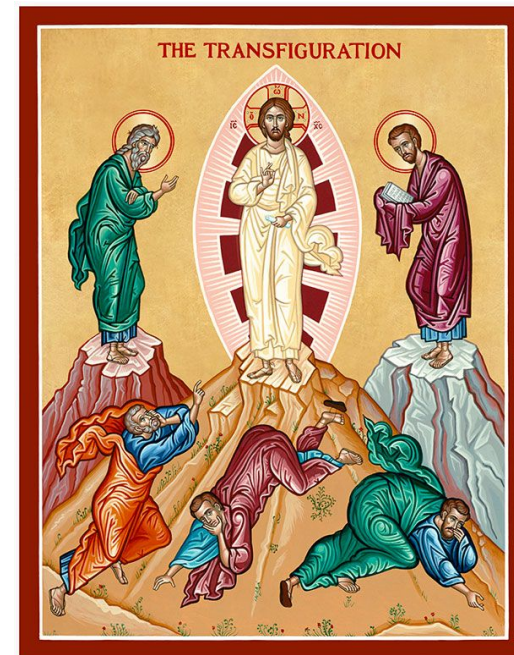
**Questions for reflection:**

- ❖ What do you think is the significance of Jesus being the fulfillment of the law?
  
- ❖ The disciples have been told blatantly that Jesus is going to die. They were told more than once, and they don't understand it. Why do you think they were unable to comprehend that Jesus was going to die?

**Looking Forward: Mark 9:14-29**

# Gospel of Mark

## *Responding to the Messiah*



Mark 9:2-13

“This is My beloved Son, *listen* to Him”

Looking Back: Mark 8:22-9:1

List 3-4 observations from this passage that are new for you...

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## Loving God with your actions

- ❑ List 5 ways you need to “listen” to Jesus.
- ❑ We know from James that we need to not simply be hearers of the Word, but doers also - of those 5 things you wrote down above, list one practical step you can take towards listening and obeying.
- ❑ What are some things that keep us from listening to Christ?
  - ❑ How can you repent of those habits/actions/attitudes?
  - ❑ Read Rom 13:14. Are there ways that you “make room” for these things in your life?
  - ❑ List some ways you can eliminate space/room/provision for sin in your life.
- ❑ How can you “make room” for the Holy Spirit to work in your life this week?

## Loving God with your heart

- ❑ Sometimes, we focus so closely on Jesus being “nice:” the man with perfect hair, perfect beard, kind smile, carrying a perfect little lamb on his shoulders, that we forget that he is the God of creation. This week spend some time to read and reflect on these passages about Christ’s glory and majesty: Isaiah 6:1-6, John 1:1-14, Hebrews 1:1-4, Revelation 4:1-11
- ❑ Peter, in not fully understanding Christ’s supremacy over Moses and Elijah, wanted to build tents or tabernacles for each of them. This week, spend time reflecting on the ways that you build “tabernacles” to good things- like homeschooling or politics- that aren’t ultimate things.

## Loving God with your mind

- Moses goes up Mt. Sinai, interacts with God, and then brings the word of the Lord to the people by way of the Law (Exodus 19:16-19). Elijah goes up Mt. Sinai, interacts with God, and then brings the word of the Lord to the people by way of prophecies (1 Kings 19:9-14). Jesus goes up a mountain, interacts with God, and then brings the word of the Lord to the people by way of himself. Jesus is called the Word of God (John 1). Before we had the Law and the Prophets to learn about, to follow, and to experience God, but now we have Jesus (Hebrew 1:1-4). With Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we can know and walk with God in a closer, more personal way than when people had only the written Law and the words of the Prophets.

*Want to look deeper? Did you know...*

- ❖ The word “**tent, shelter, dwelling place**” used by Peter in Mark 9:5 is the same word used to describe the tabernacle.
  - “The word became flesh and ‘tabernacled’ among us.” John 1:14
  - “The more perfect tabernacle” Hebrews 9:11,
  - (Promise foreshadowed) Ezekiel 37: 27-28 (Promise Fulfilled) Revelation 21:3-4
- ❖ God spoke with many people on mountains throughout the Old Testament; Gen 22; Ex 3, 19, 34; 1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 6. The temple is even described as a mountain temple.
  - But the people also made rival “high places” to try to uplift their status on their own terms, without God. 1 Kings 3, 11, 12, 13; 2 Kings 15, 16, 17