

# Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 11 February 2024

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WITNESS AND TELLING

**Opening Prayer** (please pray together)

O Lord, Your unfailing kindness is in the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to your people. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep. For with you, is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. Lord, have mercy, Amen.

**Welcome** 🙏

**Q 1 Have you ever had a mountain top experience. Share with the group.**

**Music Worship** 🎵 (Suggestions)

Come let us go to the mountain

We give thanks to Thee O Lord

Come bless the Lord 🎤

**Word: Psalm 50.1-6 The Acceptable Sacrifice A Psalm of Asaph.**

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silent;  
before him is a devouring fire  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

**Word: Mark 9.2-9 The Transfiguration**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

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<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

## **The Coming of Elijah**

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### **Commentary: He Was Transfigured**

Mark uses an important turn of phrase in describing the central event of the Transfiguration.

**“And he was transfigured before them”** *Mark 9:2 NRSV*

Notice that? He declares that the transfiguration actually happened. **He was transfigured.**

AND something happened to Jesus. **He was transfigured.**

AND the transfiguration is something that changed the way the disciples saw things.

AND Jesus was really changed.

Yes, the disciples saw “behind the curtain,” and got a glimpse of Jesus’ divine glory.

**But Mark wants us know that the curtain itself was actually drawn back for them to see and witness.**

They didn’t have a flash of insight or a visionary experience, this actually happened!

Jesus showed them something, revealed something about himself that he generally kept hidden. Ponder what you would see if Jesus pulled the curtain back today.

**Q 2 How dazzled do you think the disciples were by Jesus’ altered appearance?**

**Q 3 The voice they heard said ‘Listen to him.’ Please discuss**

**Q 4 We are challenged to be disciples and pass on what we have received.**

**How can we do this better?**

### **Works**

Who can we pray for this week?

How can we promote the teachings of Jesus in those peoples lives?

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

O Lord, look with favour on your Church, proclaiming your beloved Son to the world and listening to the promptings of his Spirit. May our Church be renewed in holiness that may reflect your glory. Lord have mercy, Amen.

### **Shalom**

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