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A Transforming Faith

Mark 9:2-10 (NLT)

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. ⁴ Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. ⁹ As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

Thoughts & Questions to Fuss With:

1. Why do you think Jesus only chose Peter, James and John to go with him?
2. Explain the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah.
3. Describe the appearance of Jesus when he was transfigured?
4. In verse 5, Peter offers to build the three shelters, yet in verse 6, Mark noted that, "he (Peter) did not know what to say; they were so frightened". Why do you think Peter offered to build the shelters if he was so scared?
5. Describe a time that you were in God's presence and did not know what to do?
6. Why do suppose Elijah and Moses did not stay on the longer?
7. Why did Jesus give the disciples orders not to tell anyone?
8. What is one word you would use to describe the TONE of the passage (i.e. stern, joyful, cautious, etc.)?
9. What is one word or idea from the passage that stands out to you?
10. What is something from the passage that still confuses you?