

# “Transformed In His Image”

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Bible Texts: Exodus 24:12-18 and Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9

On today, the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ. The New Testament tell us that after Jesus told his disciples that he would be condemned to death in Jerusalem, he climbed Mount Tabor in the Galilee along with Peter, James and John. Once there, he was “transfigured.” He became dazzling, very bright. Jesus became radiant just as the glory of the Lord had settled on Mount Sinai when the law and the commandments were given by God to Moses. God called Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandments, which I have written for their instruction,” (Exodus 24:12, NRSV).

The Gospel of Matthew relates what happened when God spoke on Mount Tabor. God said: “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” What does this matter to us today? In Romans, Paul tells us that a day will come when we will be transformed in his image. In fact, we are being transformed right now: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect,” Romans 12:2.