



Gospel Story: The Mysterious Change

"Come with me," said Jesus to his good friends Peter, James and John.

"Where are we going?" asked James.

Jesus pointed to a mountain. "I want to go where we can be by ourselves," said Jesus. "I want to pray and I want to talk to you, too."

So Jesus, Peter, James and John trudged up the mountain. They sat down together to rest, when something strange happened.

"Look!" whispered John. "Look at Jesus!"

Peter and James looked. Jesus had changed. His face shone as bright as the sun itself. Peter, James and John couldn't look for long—the light was too bright. And Jesus' clothes shone, too, as white as snow on a sunny day.

"Oh, look again!" said James. "Look who's with Jesus!"

Peter and John looked. "But that's Moses—the one who led our people out of slavery in Egypt hundreds of years ago! How can Moses be with Jesus?" Peter asked.

"And that's Elijah—the prophet who told our people God's word hundreds of years ago! How can Elijah be with Jesus?" asked James.

"Jesus," called out Peter. "It's good to be here! Can we stay here together? Can we make three temples: one to worship you, one for Elijah and one for Moses?"

Just then, more light broke through. There came a cloud of dazzling light. From the cloud came a voice saying, "This is my dear Son, who pleases me. Listen to him!"

The voice made the disciples afraid. They threw themselves onto the ground, so they couldn't see or hear anything.

But Jesus walked over to them. "Get up," they heard him say. "Don't be afraid."

They looked up. Jesus was alone and his face was no longer shining. He looked once again just like their old friend.