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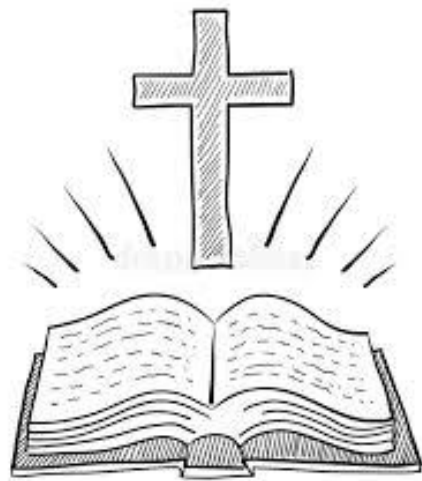
Transfigured

In our Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain. When they reached the top of the mountain, the Bible tells us, Jesus was transfigured before them. Transfigured. That's a tough word. Do you know what it means? "Transfigured" means that Jesus' appearance changed. His face started to glow like the sun. Can you imagine it? His clothes started to glow, too! Have your clothes ever done that? Of course not! The only thing our clothes do is get dirty. And as Jesus was transfigured, Moses and Elijah, two of God's great men who lived hundreds of years before Jesus, suddenly appeared beside Him and spoke with Him.

Then another amazing thing happened! A bright cloud came down on all of them, and a voice said, "*This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him*" (Mt 17:5). Do you know whose voice it was? That's right, it was God the Father. He told us that Jesus is His Son, and then He said, "*Listen to Him.*"

God the Father tells us to listen to Jesus! That's a great idea, isn't it! But wait! Have you ever heard Jesus' voice? Can you shake His hand or listen to Him like the disciples did? Of course not. Jesus ascended into heaven, and we're waiting for Him to come back.

Then how do we listen to Jesus if we can't see Him or hear Him speak to us? We know Jesus speaks to us through the Bible. He tells us that He died on the cross and rose again so we have eternal life. In the Bible, He guides us in everything we need to know to follow Him. God also sends messengers to teach us the Bible. God sends many people to help teach you about His Word. God calls pastors, parents, and teachers to help you learn about Jesus so you can have life too. And they are to base what they teach on the Bible, because it's all there!



Dear Jesus, thank You for giving us Your Word, which teaches us all about You and the salvation we have in You. Amen.