

Jesus is Transfigured *Mark 8:27-9:1-32*

The Ministry Years of Jesus: Lesson 2

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Introduction: Probably one of most important questions you will ever ask yourself is; who is Jesus Christ? Jewish people say he was a teacher. Muslims say he was just a prophet. But who did Jesus say He was? Today, we will find out!

1. Jesus was creating quite a stir among the people of his day. Jesus could command demons and even the weather would listen to him. He could heal people of blindness and even fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Who is Jesus?
2. Jesus gathered his disciples together (**START ADDING HEADS AND ARMS ON THE DISCIPLES**) and asked them who people think he is?
 - a) The disciples said some think he is a prophet.
 - b) Some think he was a prophet from long ago who came back to life.
 - c) But Jesus asked the disciples who *they* thought He was?
3. This is a good question even to ask you....
 - a) **PAINT OVER IN BLACK: Who is Jesus?**
 - b) Is Jesus just a teacher, or a good man? Who is He?
 - c) Ask the children who Jesus is.
4. Peter answered Jesus, “You are the Son of God.”
 - a) Did Jesus say “No, that’s not right!”
 - b) No, Jesus said you are correct in what you say.
 - c) Jesus said God the Father revealed this to Peter so He could get the right answer.
5. So, who is Jesus then? Write in the title: **THE SON OF GOD**
6. Once the disciples got who Jesus was, Jesus began to predict the future (**DRAW IN THE HEAD AND ARMS OF JESUS AND PETER**).
 - a) Jesus predicted he would suffer.
 - b) The religious leaders would reject him and his message.
 - c) He would die on a **CROSS**. Describe the cross: He would be embarrassed.
He will have **NAILS** driven through his arms and feet. **BLOOD** would come out and he would die.

- d). But after three days of being dead, he would come back to life (**DRAW LIGHT COMING OUT AND THE BLACK ARROW**).
- e). *Peter* pulled Jesus aside and got very angry. This will never happen!
- f). Jesus rebuked him and said he was following the devil by not listening to what Jesus was saying.
- g). Jesus also said at the end of the world, Jesus will come back, and anyone who is ashamed of Jesus and what he teaches will be judged (8:38).
- h). This is very serious! We need to listen to Jesus and not argue with him.
Draw in: **LISTEN TO HIM**

7. After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a very high mountain and left the other disciples down below. **DRAW IN THE HEADS OF THE THREE DISCIPLES**

- a) Jesus went to the top of the mountain

This lesson is a little different. Go on Google images and find a nice picture of Jesus, cut it out, and when you talk about Jesus going to the top of the mountain, place Jesus there. When Jesus transfigures himself, take the picture off of the sketchboard, and paint over the top of the mountain with black paint so the wax appears. The wax Jesus is him transfigured. Then when finished, put the cut out picture back on.

- b). Suddenly Jesus changed himself and he no longer looked like a human being.
- c). His face was as bright as the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white (Matthew 17:2).

8. Then the disciples looked and saw **MOSES** and **ELIJAH** (draw heads and arms) next to Jesus. They were talking to each other.

9. Suddenly, a cloud came in, and everyone heard a voice; it was **GOD THE FATHER** (paint over in black).

- a). What do you think God the Father is going to say?
- b). He said This is **MY SON**...
- c). Listen to Him (point to it on the sketchboard).
- d). Even God the Father said Jesus is the Son of God.
- e). Now what do you say? Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?

10. The disciples amazed came down the mountain and met the other disciples waiting for them (**DRAW IN THE HEADS OF THE DISCIPLES**).

a). When the people saw Jesus, a Dad of a little boy came to Jesus desperate because his son had a demon living in him. The spirit made the boy not able to speak.

b). **DRAW IN JESUS' ARMS AND HEAD**

c). Jesus commanded the evil spirit to leave (**DRAW AN ARROW**) the boy and never come back.

d). At once the **DEMON** (paint over in black) or evil spirit left him.

e). Jesus has authority over evil spirits.

Conclusion: The disciples said Jesus was the Son of God. God the Father said Jesus is the Son of God. And Jesus demonstrated He is the Son of God by having authority over demons. Who do you think Jesus is? Your answer to this question will determine where you spend all eternity.

