

**ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION**  - Week 2

**Mount of Transfiguration – “Don’t Put God In A Box”**

### **Review - WEEK 1 CAESAREA PHILIPPI** –

### In Matt 16 Jesus brought His disciples 25 miles North of Galilee to a town called Caesarea Philippi. While he was there he asked “who do you say I am”, and only Peter got the correct answer.

### Matt 16:16-17 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was *not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven*



**WEEK 2: “Mount of Transfiguration”**

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**MATT 17:1-9**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2**There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3**Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

**4**Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

**5**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

**6**When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. **7**But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” **8**When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

**9**As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Mountain of Transfiguration**

*Where was it?*

Two popular theories – Mt. Tabor and Mt. Hermon:

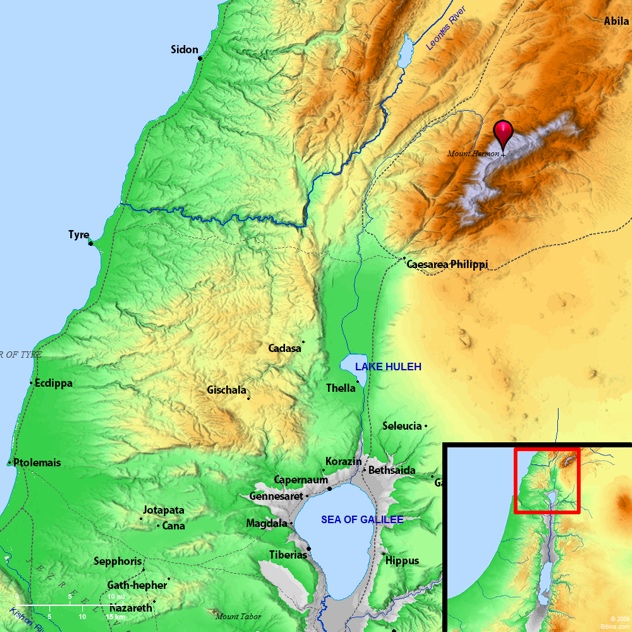
1. Mt Tabor



A stand-alone large “hill” that is situated between Galilea and Nazareth. Popular Mt. of Transfiguration tourist site.

1. Mt. Hermon

A real Mountain, (nearly 10,000 ft. and often snowcapped). Situated between Lebanon, Syria and Israel. A more likely choice in that it is as “mountain” and in the general vicinity of CP.





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What they spoke about:

**Luke 9:31** “**31**They spoke about his departure,which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.”

Plan: To go to Jerusalem, to suffer, to die and to be raised from the dead. This all needed to be done to fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

Matt 5:17 **17**“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

**Peter’s Response:**

**4**Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

**This is my son, whom I love…**

**Matt 17:5**While he was still speaking, a bright *cloud covered them*, and a voice from the cloud said, “*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”*

**Matt 16:23** “…you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

**You can’t put God in a box.**

**Acts 7:*48*** *“…the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands”.*

**Acts 2:17** “…this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says,  I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”

**Quote: “Outside the box, but inside the Bible”.**

**Gal 3:3** Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

* Let’s let the Spirit start, continue and complete the work he is doing in our churches.
* Let’s not try to take over, or put God in a box.
* Allow him to show you new things, even if you’ve been following him for years.
* Allow Him to take you outside your comfort-zone, to keep you from getting into a rut.
* Believe that He can do more than we even ask or imagine, not because of our own power but His power at work in us.

**Eph 3:20**

**20**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.