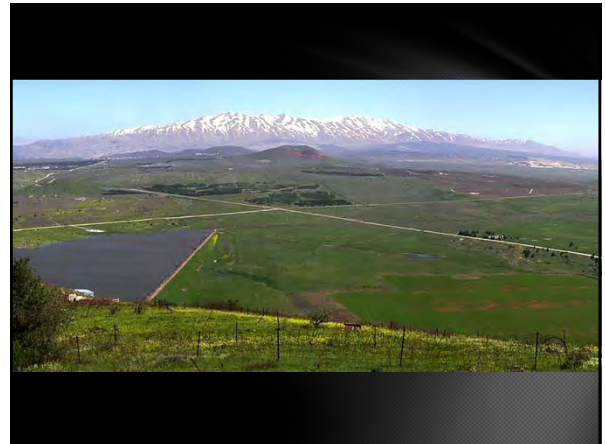


# A Glimpse of His Glory

Mark 9:2-10



## I. His Physical Transformation (2-3)

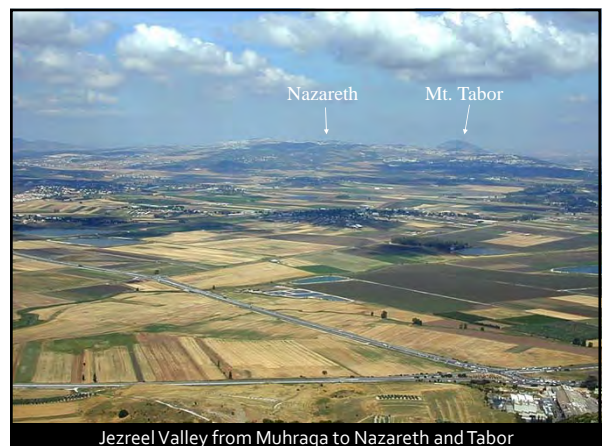
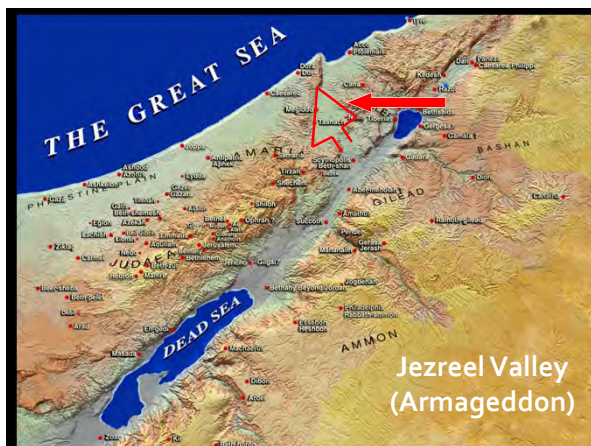
It's important to remember the events that had immediately preceded this...

- 1) The disciples had confessed Jesus as Messiah.
- 2) So Jesus had made His first prophecy about the church.
- 3) And then Jesus had made His first clear prophecy about the crucifixion and His resurrection.
- Is. 53:6 - All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.
- Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
- 1 - And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."
- The Transfiguration

## Jesus & the Mountains

Jesus loved the mountains.

- Prayed (6:46; Luke 6:12; John 6:15)
- Preached (3:13; Matt. 5:1)
- Performed miracles (Matt. 15:29; John 6:3)
- Tempted (Matt. 4:8)
- Calls His disciples (3:13; Luke 6:12)
- Assembles with His followers after the resurrection (Matt. 28:16)



Jezreel Valley from Muhraqa to Nazareth and Tabor



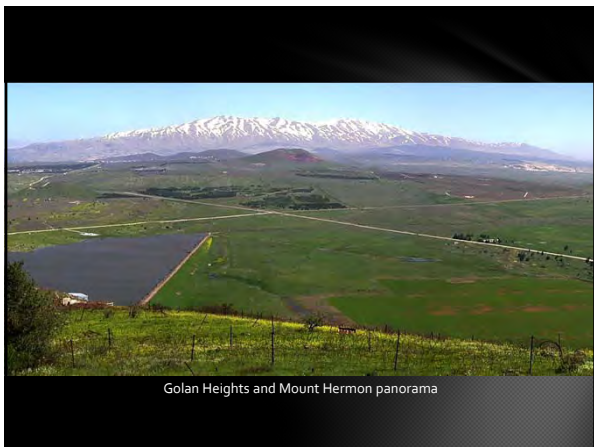
Mt Tabor from Nazareth ridge



Mt Tabor from south



Mount Hermon from south with Golan fields



Golan Heights and Mount Hermon panorama



Mount Hermon from south



Mount Hermon from southwest



Mount Hermon from south



Mount Hermon foothills

## I. His Physical Transformation (2-3)

- Cf. Luke 9:28-29 - Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying...
- Transformed (Gr., *metamorphoo* [μεταμορφῶω]).
- His Face
  - Cf. Luke 9:29a - the appearance of His face became different.
  - How was His face different?
    - Cf. Matt. 17:2a - And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun.
- His Clothing
  - Cf. Matt. 17:2b - And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.
  - Cf. Luke 9:29 - And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming.

## II. His Unusual Companions (4)

- Why Elijah & Moses?
  - 1) their unique relationship to God
  - 2) Both Moses and Elijah had met with God on another mountain—Sinai.
  - 3) But perhaps the reason the two appear together is that they represent all of the OT.
    - The Law and the Prophets.
- Luke 9:31b – who... were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- Luke 9:32 - Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

## III. His Disciples' Confusion (5-6)

- Luke 9:33 - And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus...
- Luke 9:33 - And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah "-- not realizing what he was saying.

## IV. His Father's Declaration (7-8)

- Greek word *overshadowed*
- Ex. 40:35 - Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it [overshadowed it], and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- Ex. 24:15-16 - Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.
- Cf. Ex. 13:21; 16:10; 19:9, 16; 40:35; Lev. 16:2 Num. 11:25; Ezek. 1:4
- Cf. Deut. 18:15 - "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.
- Matt. 17:6-7 - When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid."

## V. His Careful Preparation (9-10)

- Cf. Mark 8:31-32

## Implications...

1) There is no question left about the true identity of Jesus Christ or the necessity of the cross.

- [2 Pet. 1:16-18](#)
- [2 Pet. 1:19ff](#)

2) Every believer is to experience an equally radical change.

- *Transformed* occurs only 4x in the NT.
- Twice about Christ and His Transfiguration.
- Twice about us.
  - [Rom. 12:2](#) – in our thinking through the Scripture
  - [2 Cor. 3:18](#) – in our characters through looking at Jesus