

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**29:03:15**

**Theme: CHRIST'S MAJESTY REVEALED**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 17:1-2 "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, [2] And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light".*

**Texts: Mark 9:2-3; Luke 9:28-29**

The transfiguration occurred six days after Peter openly affirmed that Jesus was the Christ. (Mathew 16:13-16). Peter, James and John were the privileged witnesses at the transfiguration. Most of the events in the earthly ministry of our Lord were witnessed by all the twelve disciples; some however, took place in the presence of Peter, James and John. The transfiguration was one of those exclusive events. It was no surprise that Peter was one of the witnesses at the transfiguration. He had always been more outspoken, more daring and more articulate than the other disciples, in his defence of and devotion to the Master.

Peter later became one of the pillars in the early church. He was one of the three disciples of the Lord who eventually wrote about the Lord. Having passed through various trials of faith himself, he was eminently equipped to pen down the two epistles (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter), which have been a means of strengthening persecuted believers through the ages. Some Christian writer also believe that John Mark (Peter's convert – 1Peter 5:13), author of the gospel of Mark, derived his vivid account of the Lord's ministry from Peter.

The second witness to the transfiguration was John. As a disciple, John's affinity with the Master was such that he was often identified as that disciple "whom Jesus loved". John the beloved would later write the gospel of John (which, more than other gospel, focused on and establishes the divinity of Christ), three general epistles (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> John) and the last and crowning book of Revelation, Christendom (nay humanity) would have remained ignorant concerning God's final and future programme for the church and the world.