

**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**

**03:05:15**

**Theme: THE SIGNIFICANT OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**Memory Verse:** *Rev. 5:11 “And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands;”*

**Texts: Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

As our Lord was transfigured on the mount, His primordial glory broke forth through the clouds and bathed his slumbering disciples with awe-inspiring splendour. Then Moses and Elijah were seen conversing with the transfigured Christ in the blazing light. The appearance of Moses and Elijah is significant for several reasons. Moses and Elijah were two of the greatest men in the Old Testament. Moses represents the law: He wrote and predicted the coming of a great prophet (Deut. 18:15-19). Elijah represents the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah (Malachi 4:5, 6).

Symbolically then, the duo represent the whole gamut of the Old Testament. Their appearance to Jesus on the Mount of transfiguration has many lessons for us. First, it is both proof of life after death, the immortality of the soul and continuity of existence beyond earthly life. Moses had physically died about 1400 years before this time and Elijah has been translated to glory almost 900 years before this time also. In view of this reality, the word of God exhorts that believers should not be sorrowful when a brother or a sister dies. Our God, who is the God of the living will one day reunite all believers to live together forever (1 Theses. 4:13-18, Math. 22:31,32, Luke 20:37,38).

Secondly, Moses appearance implied the abolition of the law, meant to give way to the coming of Christ (Luke 16.16). Thirdly, it points out Christ as the Messiah, the sole authority from God and the mediator between God and man (Acts 3: 22). Fourthly, it confirms the truth of the Second Advent, rewards and punishments (Math.16:27; 24:29-25). Fifthly, it points to the fulfilment of prophecies on Christ's suffering (Luke 24:25-27). Sixth, it is the confirmation of the reality of Christ's eternal Kingdom (Math. 16:28, Rev. 5:10; 11:15). Finally, Moses and Elijah appeared on glory, is pointer to the glory which will be invested upon saints as soon as they leave this earthly tabernacle.