



## Study #7 for week of February 20, 2012

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### Jesus in View

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*Luke 9:18-45*

#### **Introduction**

Here is a trio of events which, in different ways, bring Jesus more clearly into view.

Clarity comes from the lips of Peter as he declares Jesus to be *“The Christ of God!”*

Clarity comes on the mountain, as Jesus suddenly, brilliantly, fairly glows, being greeted by 2 superstars from the Old Testament and then embraced by the Voice from heaven – *“This is my Son.”*

Clarity comes at the base of the mountain, in the mundane turmoil of life, as the only son of another father is released from demonic bondage by the clear, strong rebuke of Jesus. *They were all amazed.*

Yet, the clearness of the disciples’ sight didn’t yet include the cross, nor the implications it would have for us. May our own view of Jesus sharpen as we enter into these stories.

⇒ The aim of this study is to bring Jesus more clearly into view, filling our sight and shaping our walk

## Group Study

### Community Building

- (1) Have you ever had an “*ah-ha*” moment when you suddenly realized who someone was? Or something new about them? Share your experience.

*Read Luke 9:18-27*

- (2) The central event of this portion, Peter’s “*ah-ha*” moment, is very tersely stated (**9:20-21**). But it packs a punch. What do you think Peter understood by his statement at this point? How does it compare with the understanding of those around?

Why does Jesus immediately go on to the clarifying statement about himself (**9:23**) and the challenging statements about us (**9:23-27**)?

*Read Luke 9:28-36*

- (3) **9:28** “... he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray”. But the disciples got a little more than they were expecting!

Read **Exodus 24:15-16**. What similarities do you see between these two events? What’s the significance?

- (4) **9:29** “... his face changed ...”

Exactly what did the disciples see? What impression would it have made? What does it communicate?

- (4) **9:30-31** “... *two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared ...*”

Why these two? Consider the insights you get from the following references:

- (a) Luke 24:27
  - (b) Deuteronomy 18:15, Malachi 4:5-6
  - (c) Deuteronomy 34: 5-6, 2 Kings 2:11-12
- (5) **9:33.** Why did Peter want to build “3 *shelters*”? What do you think he had in mind? What was wrong with his plan?
- (6) **9:34-35.** What was the significance of the voice from the cloud? What impact would it have made? (See also **Exodus 19:9, 34:5-8, Luke 3:21-22.**)

*Read Luke 9:37-45*

- (7) Compare Luke’s statement in **9:43** with the experience of the 3 disciples on the mountain. What additional insight into Jesus’ majesty would the 3 disciples have gotten from this next experience?
- (8) Why does Jesus say what he says in **9:44**? Notice how it parallels **9:22**. The effect of the whole is to frame the transfiguration with these statements. What’s Jesus’ point? How does it affect our view of him/ our worship of him? How does it affect what it means to follow him?

**Prayer**