

## Matthew 17 Study Guide

Remember that the purpose of the author of Matthew is to show that Jesus was the Messiah the Jews expected. But he also wants to develop the idea of who the Messiah is – that is, what this person would be like.

**READ:** In the first story in chapter 17, called the “Transfiguration,” verses 1-8 the author Matthew lets us see something about the Messiah that may have been hidden to the people of his day. In your own words explain what had been hidden but was now revealed.

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Can you remember from your reading of Matthew any other place that gives a hint of this now clearly revealed truth? Describe and explain.

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**COMPARE:** The words from heaven that the disciples heard are similar to those spoken in Matthew 3:17. How are the words in chapter 3 similar to Matthew 17:5 and how are they different? For this comparison, use a literal translation such as *Disciples Literal New testament* on <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+3&version=DLNT>

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**COMPARE and ANALYZE:** Consider to whom the voice spoke in both of these passages and speculate why the words are different in chapter 17 from those in chapter 3.

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**RESEARCH:** The significance of Moses and Elijah in the transfiguration story was briefly explained in the textbook *Messiah*. Others have considered the event in more detail. Compare and contrast at least two other

explanations. One of those should be <http://www.gotquestions.org/transfiguration.html>. Identify the sources you used.

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Source #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPARE:** What insight do you feel is most important? Why?

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**READ:** Peter in 2 Peter 1:16-21 refers to his experience on the mountain when Jesus was changed and Moses and Elijah appeared. What is the point he is making when he refers to the message they heard?

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