

The Transfiguration
as found in The Message paraphrase of
Mark 9:1a-10

Parts (in order of appearance): Jesus, John, James, Peter,
Elijah, Moses, Voice of God

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JESUS stands in front of the CONGREGATION on a BLANK STAGE.

JESUS
Some of you who are standing here
are going to see it happen, see the
kingdom of God arrive in full
force.

JOHN stands up from his SEAT in the CONGREGATION.

JOHN
Six days later...

JAMES stands from his SEAT in the CONGREGATION finishing
JOHN's sentence.

JAMES
three of them *did* see it.

PETER stands from his SEAT in the CONGREGATION.

PETER
Jesus took Peter...

PETER, JAMES, and JOHN walk onto the STAGE beside JESUS, as
they finish the sentence in turn.

JAMES
James...

JOHN
and John...

PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN
(together)
and led them up a high mountain.

JESUS stretched out his ARMS. LIGHTING changes to focus on
JESUS (if there is controllable lighting).

JESUS
His appearance changed from the
inside out...

PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN
right before their eyes.

PETER
His clothes shimmered,

JAMES
glistening white,

(CONTINUED)

JOHN
whiter than any bleach could make
them.

ELIJAH stands from his SEAT in the CONGREGATION.

ELIJAH
Elijah...

MOSES stands from his SEAT in the CONGREGATION

MOSES
along with Moses...

ELIJAH and MOSES move on STAGE on the other side of JESUS

ELIJAH
came into view,

MOSES
in deep conversation with Jesus.

As MOSES' line is being spoken, PETER steps toward JESUS
with his FINGER in the air.

JESUS
Peter interrupted...

PETER
Rabbi, this is a great moment!
Let's build three memorials--one
for you, one for Moses, one for
Elijah.

JESUS
He blurted this out without
thinking...

JAMES
stunned as they all were...

JOHN
by what they were seeing.

ELIJAH
Just then...

MOSES
a light-radiant cloud...

ALL
(together)
enveloped them!

PETER
and from deep in the cloud

JAMES, JOHN
(together)
a voice

The LIGHTS are made as BRIGHT as they can be on the FULL STAGE as GOD speaks.

The VOICE OF GOD comes from the BACK OF THE CONGREGATION.

ELIJAH and MOSES leave the STAGE as GOD speaks.

GOD
(off stage)
This is my Son, marked by my love.
Listen to him.

The LIGHTS return to the INITIAL SETTING, evenly lighting the entire stage.

PETER
The next minute the disciples were
looking around...

JAMES
rubbing their eyes...

JOHN
seeing nothing but Jesus...

JESUS
only Jesus.

JESUS, PETER, JAMES, and JOHN slowly take steps toward the CONGREGATION.

PETER
Coming down the mountain....

JAMES
Jesus swore them to secrecy.

JESUS
Don't tell a soul what you saw.
After the Son of Man rises from the
dead, you're free to talk.

JESUS, PETER, JAMES, and JOHN stop moving.

(CONTINUED)

PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN
(together)
They puzzled over that...

JOHN
wondering what on earth...

JESUS
rising from the dead...

JOHN
meant.

LIGHTS go out leaving the STAGE in DARKNESS.