

Walk Across the Holy Land



10th Destination Mt. Tabor:

You have now walked with Jesus Peter, John and James about 15 miles up onto a mountain to pray. What followed was the event known as the Transfiguration.

Some traditions link Mount Tabor to the Transfiguration of Jesus and it is considered a Holy mountain which is often referred to as the “Mount of Transfiguration”.



Mount Tabor



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It is a round steep hill located southeast of Nazareth. At the base of the hill are several Arab villages. On top of the hill there are several churches and some ruins of the historian Josephus Flavius.



Grounds, ruins and gardens atop Mt. Tabor



The Church of the Transfiguration atop Mt. Tabor



View to the Sea of Galilee from Mount Tabor

Biblical References:

Luke 9:18-36

Peter's Confession of Christ

18Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

19They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

20"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ^[a] of God."

21Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. **22**And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

23Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. **25**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? **26**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. **27**I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

28About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. **29**As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. **30**Two men, Moses

and Elijah, **31** appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. **32** Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. **33** As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. **35** A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." **36** When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

Footnotes:

- a. [Luke 9:20](#) Or Messiah

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus Predicts His Death

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

34Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35**For whoever wants to save his life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? **37**Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **38**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Footnotes:

- a. [Mark 8:35](#) The Greek word means either life or soul; also in verse 36.

Mark 9:2-12

The Transfiguration

2After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. **3**His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. **4**And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." **6**(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

8Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10**They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

11And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" **12**Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?"

Next Destination Capernaum:

Jesus and the disciples walked away from the Transfiguration and traveled about 18 miles returning to Capernaum. There Jesus pays the temple tax with a fish and preaches about sin. Walk with Jesus 18 miles then click on destination #11 to receive your next packet.