

# The Life & Ministry of Christ



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### ***Christ's Public Ministry – a summary:***

- **Before age of 30 – no preaching or miracles.**
- **Baptized at age 30. Spirit comes upon Him.**
- **Based in Galilee 3 years, with regular trips to Jerusalem.**
- **Preached “Repent, for Kingdom of Heaven is near!”**
- **Performed miracles – showed authority and Messiahship.**
- **Believed by some, rejected by most.**
- **After 3 years, went to Jerusalem to be handed over.**



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# The unbelief of the disciples



The disciples didn't believe the message that the Christ was going to die, and they seemed to have missed the message that He would rise again.

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"  
*Matthew 16:21-22*

## ***Repeated instances of the disciples not believing this message ...***

Matthew 16:21,22

Matthew 17:22,23

Matthew 20:18,19

Mark 9:31,32

Luke 9:22 ... 44,45

(after His resurrection ...)

Luke 24:1-8, 11, 46

Mark 16:9-14



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*Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36*



## What took place?

- The Lord took three of His disciples up to a mountain, probably at night (*Luke 9:28,32,37*)
- They were shown a glimpse of Christ's resurrected glory in the coming kingdom - He appeared with a glorified body, and appeared with others who will be resurrected, such as Moses and Elijah. (*Matthew 17:2,3*)
- While this was happening, the voice of God the Father said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (*Matthew 17:5*)
- Earlier, Christ had told His disciples about His impending death and resurrection, but they hadn't believed Him. (*Matthew 16:21:22*)

## What was the point of the Transfiguration?

- This event took place to show the disciples that Christ would die, but also be resurrected again and establish the promised glorious kingdom despite His death.
- It was a visual display of what the kingdom would look like
  - Christ in His glory, along with others who will be resurrected.



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**one event in a sequence of events.**



The following events are all recorded  
in **Matthew**, **Mark** and **Luke**  
in exactly the same order in each account.

- Confession / acknowledgement drawn **16:13-17** **8:27-29** **9:18-20**
- “Tell no one” **16:20** **8:30** **9:21**
- Christ foretells His death and resurrection **16:21-23** **8:31-33** **9:22**
- “deny yourself, take up your cross” **16:24-26** **8:34-37** **9:23-25**
- “Some standing here will not die until they have seen the kingdom”  
**16:27,28** **8:38-9:1** **9:26,27**
- Transfiguration on a mountain shown to three disciples **17:1-8** **9:2-8** **9:28-36**
- Descent from mountain **17:9** **9:9** **9:37**
- Next day, child with demon, whom the other disciples couldn’t heal  
**17:14-20** **9:14-29** **9:37-43**
- In the next passage, Christ speaks to His disciples again of the impending events  
**17:22,23** **9:31,32** **9:43,45**