

# INVESTIGATIVE BIBLE DISCUSSION

## Luke 9:28-36

[28] About 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.

## Questions

1. Highlight the main and minor characters
2. Where or when does the story take place?
3. What are the key events, activities or ideas presented in this passage?
4. How did the characters respond to Jesus personally, to what he said, or to what they saw?
5. How is Jesus described (by himself or others, claims made, character traits displayed)?
6. What values were taught/demonstrated by Jesus?
7. What truths/principles, were taught or demonstrated by Jesus?
8. What conclusions or observations can you draw?

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## KEY WORDS

**Peter, James, and John:** These men were the most visible of the 12 disciples. They often accompanied Jesus on key events.

**Moses:** Old Testament character who led Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom. He was responsible for giving Israel the Law of God.

**Elijah:** Key Old Testament prophet.

**Master:** Lord, Rabbi, teacher, title of deep respect.

## BACKGROUND

The departure that was being discussed refers to the death, burial, and resurrection that was about to happen in Jerusalem.

The shelters likely represented Peter's attempt to prolong Jesus' stay. Yet Jesus was determined to steadily keep moving toward his goals.

Moses and Elijah traditionally represented the Law and the prophets respectively.