

Research Questions for Transfiguration Class

Pre: What common experience did Jesus share with the visitors on the Mount of Transfiguration?

They went 40 days and nights without food:

Moses: Exodus 24:18; 34:28

(the tablets: without food and water -- twice!)

Deuteronomy 9:9-18 (review) prostrate

Elijah: 1 Kings 19:8

(no food for his travel)

Jesus: Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13

(no food during the temptations)

#1. Name those who dropped their responsibilities when God gave a message.

Abraham: left Ur at God's command

Moses and Aaron: to lead the people

Shepherds at the announcement of the birth of Jesus;

Luke 2:15

Peter and Andrew, James and John; Dropped nets;

Matthew 4:18-21

Matthew; left the tax collector's table; Matthew 9:9

Crowds; many instances

Women; who took care of Jesus' needs; Mark 15:41

#2. Name the things that God named in the six days of creation.

"day" 1:3 day 1

"night" 1:3 day 1

"sky" 1:8 day 2

"land" 1:9 day 3

"man" 5:2 day 6

Adam named the animals, "woman", and "Eve"

#3. Find where three Old Testament characters were grouped together as especially righteous (for comparison purposes). Hint: "even if" or "though these"

Noah, Daniel, and Job

even if these three men — Noah, Daniel, and Job — were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD. Ezekiel 14:14, 20

Moses, Aaron, and Samuel; Ps 99:6

Similar: Moses and Samuel

Jeremiah 15:1

Also, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (common)

#4. Whose face shone with great glory?

Moses, receiving the law; Exodus 34:30

Ancient of Days: Daniel 7:9 (white and radiant)

Man in Daniel's vision; Dan 10:6 (face like lightning)

Jesus, transfiguration; Matthew 17:2

Stephen; Acts 6:15

Christ; Rev 1:16 (face like the sun)

Angel of the Lord; Matthew 28:3 (appearance like lightning); Luke 24:4 says that there were two

Similar: Eccl 8:1 (Wisdom makes a man's face to shine)

- #5. To whom did Christ give or promise a vision of heaven? (NT)
 Nathaniel (John 1:49-51)
 Caiphais (Mt 26:64)
 Stephen (Acts 7:55)
 Paul, third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2)
 John (Revelation 4:1)
 thief on cross, paradise (Luke 23:43)
 those at the baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:15ff)
 The rich man, seeing Lazarus in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19ff)
 Honorable mention: those at the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9-10)
- #6. Who put on a veil?
 Rebekah: Genesis 24:64-66
 Tamar: Genesis 38:13-15
 Moses: Exodus 34:33
 Also of interest:
 Ruth: uses veil (KJV) to hold Boaz' gift of grain
 Leah: must have had a veil when Jacob married her (thinking it was Rachel)
- #7. Name the occasions where Peter 'blew it'? (Ken Durham)
1. Sinking in the sea (Matt 14:28-31)
 2. Rebuking Jesus (Mt 16:22-23)
 3. Transfiguration (Mt 17:4-5)
 4. Foot washing (Jn 13:6-10)
 5. Sleep/prayer (Mt 26:40-41)
 6. Malchus' ear (Jn 18:10-11)
 7. Denial (Luke 22:54-62)
 8. Gentile discrimination (Gal 2:11-14)
 9. Not understanding that Christ could tell that the woman with the issue of blood had touched him (Luke 8:35)
- #8. How long did the Israelites eat manna?
 40 years (Ex 16:35); until fruit of promised land (Josh 5:12)
 The Israelites ate manna forty years... they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.
 PDE: Until they were full (Ex 16:15-18)
 This is what the LORD has commanded:
 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs.
 Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'
 The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.
 And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much,
 and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he
 needed.
 Other thoughts: Josh 5:12; the manna stopped the day after they ate of the fruit of the
 promised land
 Give us this day our daily bread... (Matthew 6:11)
 We are given enough to be a Christian... 2 Cor 9:8

- #9. Name the men noted in the Bible that Christ is greater than
 Jonah (Mat 12:41)
 Solomon (Mat 12:42)
 Jacob (John 4:12 -- implied)
 Abraham (John 8:53ff)
 John the Baptist (Mat 11:11 -- implied)
 Moses (Hebrews 3:3)
 Implied: Moses and Elijah at transfiguration; Everyone
 Also: on the (same) order as Melchizedek (Heb 5:6)
 Also: Levitical priesthood including Aaron (Heb 7:11)
 Also: greater than the angels, Heb 1:4
- #10. Name times when the third (vertical) dimension was used to try to connect to Jesus
 Mountaintop experiences
 teaching (Matthew 5:1ff, the sermon on the mount)
 prayer (Matthew 26:30, the Mount of Olives)
 transfiguration (Matthew 17:1ff)
 Satan's temptations (Matthew 4:1ff)
 cast Himself down from the highest part of the temple
 offering Jesus the earth from a high mountain
 Getting the lame man to Jesus (Luke 5:17-26)
 Zacchaeus climbing the tree (Luke 19:1ff)
 Jesus crucified on the cross
 Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
 Peter walked on water (Matthew 14:30)
 Lesson: We must look vertically and see God as a solution
- #11. Name those who were the subject of grieving for at least 30 days
 Egyptians for Jacob/Israel: 70 days (Gen 50:3)
 Joseph for Jacob: 7 days (at the burial) (Gen 50:10)
 Nation of Israel for Aaron: 30 days (Num 20:29)
 Nation of Israel for Moses: 30 days (Deut 34:8)
 Captive woman for her parents: full month (Deut 21:13)
 Of interest:
 Jacob for Joseph: many days (Gen 37:34)
 Ephraim for his sons: many days (1 Chronicles 7:21-23)
 Daniel grieved due to a vision of war 21 days (Dan 10:2)

Substitute teacher for Lesson #13 did not use research question

- #12. Who circumcised people?
 Abraham, to his sons and others (Genesis 17:23)
 Moses, to his son (Exodus 4:25-27)
 Joshua, to the Israelites (Joshua 5:3)
 Paul, to Timothy (Acts 16:3)
 Also:
 Unknown, to Hamor and his people (Genesis 34)
 "They", to John the Baptist (Luke 1:27)
 Unknown, to Jesus (Luke 2:21)
- #13. Find the times when an angel sits.
 Judges 6:11, with Gideon
 Matthew 28:2, on the stone after rolling it away from the tomb
 John 20:12, angels seated where Jesus had lain
 Other thoughts: on the mercy seat? (PDE)

- #14. What grandchild of David (a king) married two of David's other grandchildren?
 Rehoboam, David's grandson by Solomon
 Rehoboam married Mahalath, who was the daughter of David's son Jerimoth and of Abihail, the daughter of Jesse's son Eliab. She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah and Zaham. Then he married Maacah daughter of Absalom, who bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith. 2 Chronicles 11:18-20
- #15. How tall were the cherubim in Solomon's temple?
 About 15 feet (and with a 15 foot wingspan)
 In the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. One wing of the first cherub was five cubits long, and the other wing five cubits — ten cubits from wing tip to wing tip. He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out... He overlaid the cherubim with gold. 1 Kings 6:23-28
- #16. Name times when Paul was prevented from speaking at a mob gathering.
 Acts 17:1-9; Thessalonica; the mob hunted for Paul but took hold of Jason instead
 Acts 18:14; Gallio stopped him at Corinth just as he was about to speak
 Acts 19:30; Ephesus; the disciples would not let him appear before the crowd
- #17. List the Bible characters who showed up alive in the Promised Land after their death.
 Samuel (called up by the medium for Saul),
 1 Samuel 28:12ff
 Moses and Elijah (Transfiguration), Matthew 17:1ff
 Lazarus, John 11
 Christ (after his crucifixion), Matthew 28:16ff
 Those at Christ's resurrection, Matthew 27:52
 Interesting note: Joseph was carried there after his death.
- #18. When were the people so trustworthy that the accountants were not needed (PDE)?
 2 Kings 22:7; Josiah's reign – money disbursed to rebuild the temple
 2 Kings 12:15; During Joash's repair of the temple
- #19. What national leaders underwent a major transfiguration (repentance)? Such that God responded?
 David; humbled himself after the adultery with Bathsheba; Psalm 51; God forgave Ahab; 1 Kings 21:27ff; tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, fasted, and went around meekly (after Naboth's death)
 Rehoboam; 2 Chronicles 12:6, v12; when Shishak king of Egypt attacked
 Manasseh; 2 Chronicles 33:12ff; king of Assyria put a hook in his nose
 Nebuchadnezzar; Daniel 4; dream, ate grass like an animal
 Naaman is a possibility
- #20. When did the sun stand still for a day? (Barbara Knox)
 When Joshua defended the Gibeonites, Joshua 10:12-14
- #21. What three brothers were kings of Judah?
 Josiah's three sons (2 Chr 36:1-10):
 Jehohaz,
 then Jehoiakim
 then (through his son Jehoaichin) Zedekiah
 Note: the way Zedekiah is mentioned as Jehoaichin's uncle, could this have been a brother-in-law (and still a descendent of David) -- PDE

- #22. Where could the sounds of weeping not be distinguished from the sounds of joy?
 The rebuilding of the temple in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah; Ezra 3:13
 Demographics; the different age groups
 The old: contrast from the large temple to the smaller new one
 The young: contrast between nothing and something
- #23. Name the New Testament miracles that involved some kind of destruction.
 Cursing of the Fig tree; Matthew 21:18ff
 Pigs over the cliff after the Healing of Legion; Mark 8:31ff
 The temple veil rent at Christ's crucifixion; Matthew 27:51
 also the earthquake and graves opened
 The death of Herod; Acts 12:20ff
 The death of Annanias and Sapphira; Acts 5:1f
 Paul struck blind; Acts 9:8
 Earthquake that got Paul out of Philippian jail; Acts 16:26
 Possible: cleansing the temple; John 2:14ff
 PDE: the activities in Revelation
 PDE: each time a demon was cast out
- #24. Name kings or leaders who were distressed when asked to execute a prophet.
 Herod – John the Baptist; Matthew 14:5
 Darius – Daniel; Daniel 6:16ff (cared for Daniel)
 Pilate -- Christ; Matthew 27
 Zedekiah – Jeremiah; the people had put him into a cistern, but Zedekiah had him taken out
 to protect him; Jeremiah 38
 Felix/Festus/Agrippa -- Paul; Acts 24 and 25
 Similar: God -- had to watch His Son die
 Honorable mention: Nebuchadnezzar, who was distressed when he saw the figure like a son
 of God in the furnace; Daniel 3:24
- Interim. Of which men does the Bible say they were one of a kind? (PDE)
 Jesus – sinless; Heb 4:15
 Ahab – wicked; 1 Ki 21:26
 John the Baptist – none other born of woman greater than John; Luke 7:28
 Solomon – wisdom; 1 Kings 3:12; 1 Kings 4:21
 David? Man after God's own heart
 Adam: first man/no parents
 Melchizedek; no parents; priest without legacy