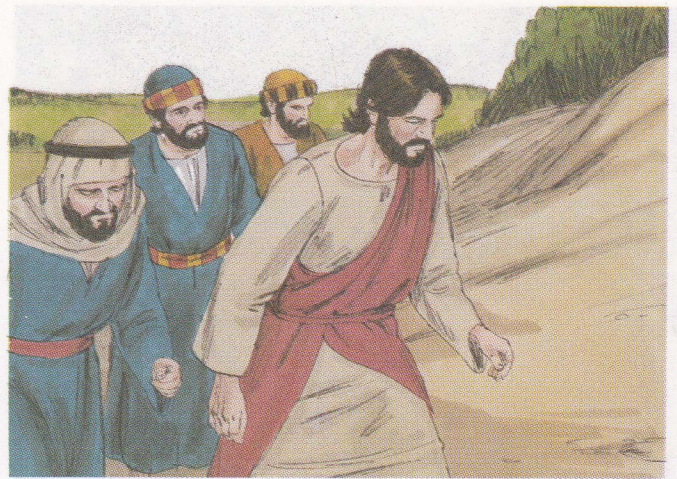


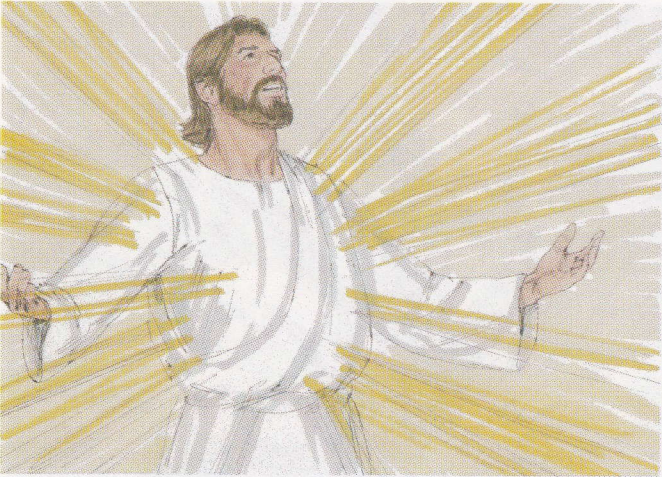
The Transfiguration of Jesus



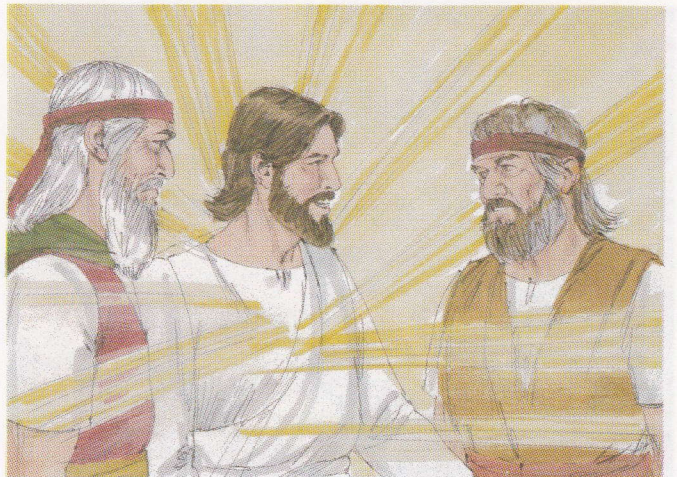
1 One day at Caesarea Philippi Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ, the Son of God," Peter answered. Then Jesus began to tell them how he must suffer and die.



2 About a week after Peter's declaration, Jesus took three of the disciples—Peter and James and John—and went up on a mountain with them alone.



3 As Jesus was praying before them, he was transfigured, or changed in appearance. His clothes glistened and became white as the light. His face shone like the sun.



4 Suddenly the disciples saw Elijah and Moses, two of the great men of God of the Old Testament, talking to Jesus!



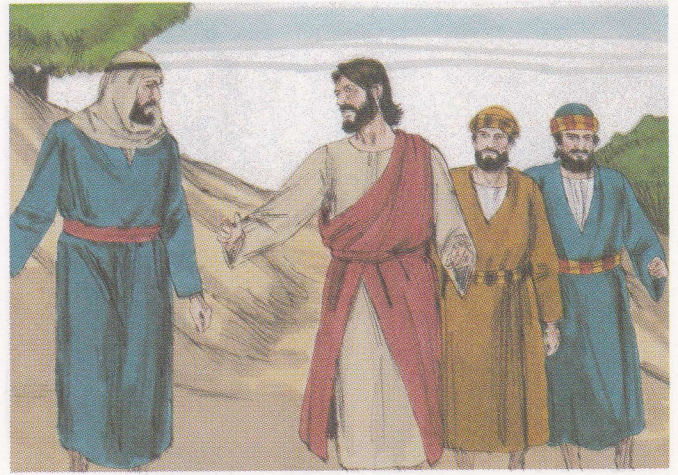
5 Peter was confused and afraid. He said, "Lord, it is good that we are here. Let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."



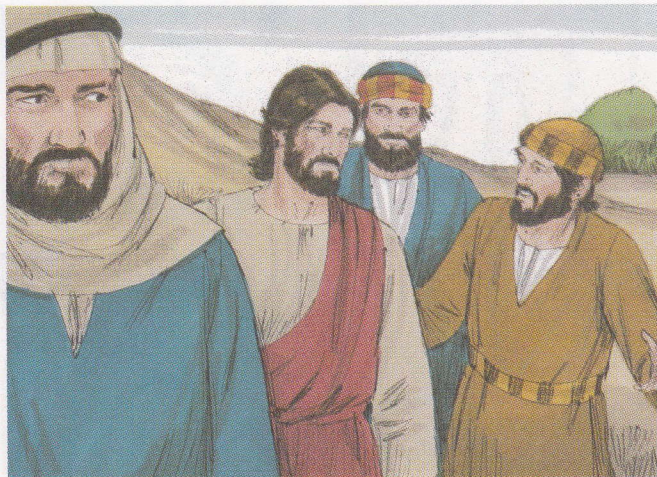
6 While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice spoke out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."



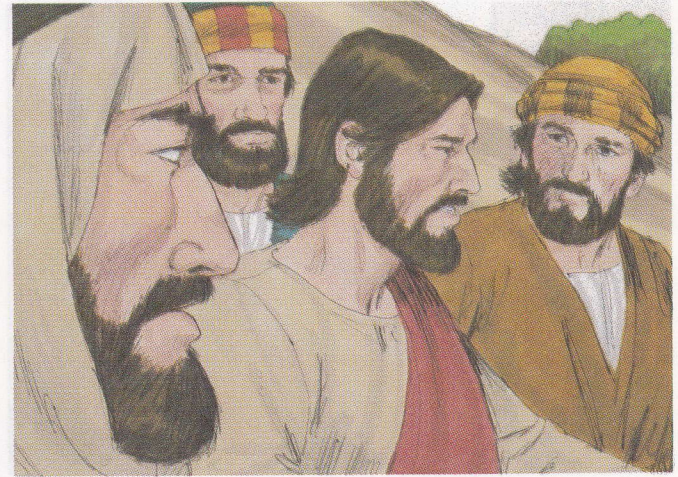
7 Hearing this, the disciples were filled with awe and fell on their faces. Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up. Don't be afraid." They saw that Jesus was now alone.



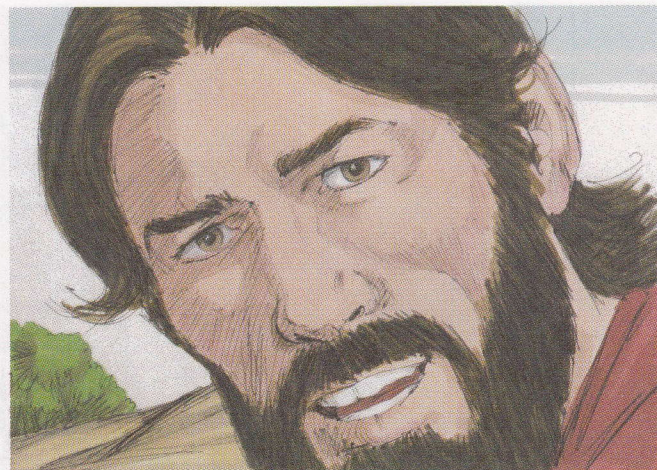
8 As they were coming down the mountain later, Jesus told them, "Don't say anything to anyone about what you saw until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."



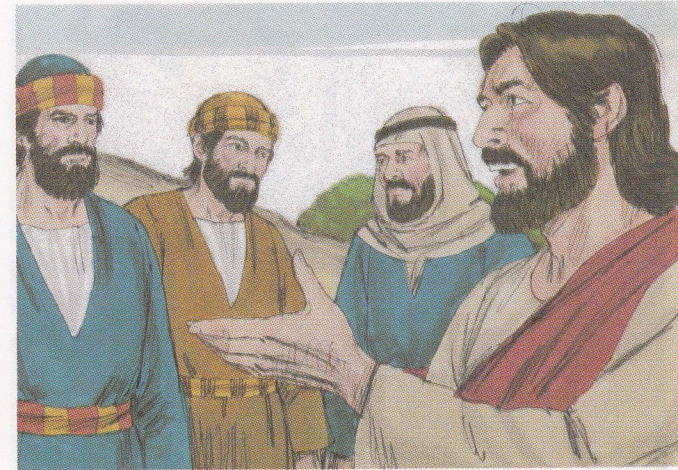
9 The disciples asked Jesus, "Then why do the scribes (the teachers of the Jewish law) say that first Elijah must come?"



10 "Elijah does come and he is to restore all things," Jesus answered.



11 "But I tell you that Elijah has already come," Jesus continued, "yet they did not know him and did what they pleased to him."



12 "So also the Son of Man will suffer at their hands," he said. Then the disciples understood that Jesus was talking about John the Baptist.