

1 **Jesus, The Transformer**

- We will be changed

2 **Scripture**

- After 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. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. (Mark 9:2–4 NIV)

3 **Scripture**

- Peter 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.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) (Mark 9:5–6 NIV)
- Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” (Mark 9:7 NIV)

4 **Scripture**

- Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. (Mark 9:8 NIV)
- As 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. (Mark 9:9 NIV)

5 **Transformers**

- 2016 will be the year of Transformers.
- A blockbuster film, featuring the fantastic world of shape-shifting, alien robots that can disguise themselves as man-made automobiles and morph into flying, fighting, sentient super-machines, will again take over box offices around the world.

6 **Transformers**

- You might be saying to yourself, "But wasn't 2014 the year the of the Transformers?"
- You're right. 2014 was also the year of the Transformers as was 2007. And 2009. And 2011.
- It seems the world just can't get enough shape-shifting super robots

7 **Transformers**

- Consider this: the four previous Transformers movies have grossed more than 3.6 billion in revenue, making it one of the most successful film franchises of all time.
- What's does that mean?
- We're going to see a lot more talking robots. That's what it means.

8 **Movie Sequels**

9 **Popularity**

- There are many theories as to why these movies -- despite their poor critical reception -- are such a hit with moviegoers.
- Some point to the nostalgia factor. Transformers was a popular series of toys in the late 1980s.
- Those boys and girls who went crazy for Transformer toys are now moms and dads eager to show their sons and daughters how cool it can be when a rusty tractor-trailer morphs into a talking, flying superhero.

10 Popularity

- There's also the fact that they're just plain fun to watch. Amazing special effects, non-stop action and attractive people diving for cover is good entertainment any way you slice it.
- But perhaps what intrigues us most about Transformers is the transforming itself.
- There's magic and allure to the idea of something so basic and familiar becoming something so powerful, so mysterious and so downright awesome.
- It makes us see the world around us, just for a second, as filled with new and exciting potential.

11 More Than Meets the Eye

- The Tagline on the Transformers toys was “More than meets the eye.”
- In the same way, isn't that true with Jesus.
- And the transfiguration is the moment that the disciples got a glimpse of who Jesus really was, when they saw for certain that he was more than just a man.

12 transfiguration

- Jesus stood before his disciples, on the top of Mount Hermon, and before their eyes he changed.
- He changed from a rabbi with a keen connection to God into someone, who was greater than Moses and Elijah put together.
- This glimpse of who Jesus could become -- of who Jesus really was -- left the disciples slack-jawed and stunned.

13 Mt. Hermon

14 Transfiguration

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- To have an author add a commentary in any of the Gospel accounts to explain the narrative is very rare.
- However, Mark must have felt compelled to make sense of Peter's reaction.
- No doubt, Peter was so overwhelmed with the site of the transformation of Jesus' body that his brain no longer functioned properly.

15 Transfiguration

- However we do know that Peter and probably James and John felt privileged to see this special manifestation.
- They wanted to build tabernacles, meaning they probably felt obligated to provide shelter for their three guest.
- But in reality, they missed the point and God the father needed to also make an appearance.
- Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” (Mark 9:7 NIV)

16 **The Point**

- The point of Jesus’ transfiguration was not to show to his disciples some spiritual trick, or awesome manifestation, but reveal His place of importance.
- With Moses representing the Mosaic Law and Elijah representing all the prophets, God was declaring that Jesus is greater than them both and His words are more authoritative than theirs.

17 **God’s spokesman**

- In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. (Heb 1:1–2 NIV)
- We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. (2 Pet 1:16–18 NIV)

18 **More than meets the eye**

- When we make Jesus our LORD and SAVIOR, there is also a transformation that goes on inside of us.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17 NIV)
- So in other words, there is more to us than meets the eye too.
- For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2:10 NIV)

19 **More than meets the eye**

- In fact, throughout the epistles of Paul, the apostle exhorts his readers to allow that transformation to fully develop.
- You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:22–24 NIV)
- . . . and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Col 3:10 NIV)

20 **Transformation**

- So when we by faith, walk in God’s word, we will by the Spirit of life be transformed.
- As the Apostle Paul says, Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Rom 12:2 NIV)
- In other words, as we stop living like the heathen, our understanding of who we really are and created to be, will be made known to us.
- We’ll be able to know God better and discern his good pleasing will so that we can keep ourselves in His favor and see His promises fulfilled.

21 Ultimate Transformation

- While inwardly we may be renewed day by day, outwardly we are wasting away. [See 2 Cor. 4:16]
- Yet this too will change and we will experience a radical transformation outwardly.
- Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Cor 15:51–52 NIV)
- For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Cor 15:53 NIV)

22 Total transformation

- At that time, . . . the Lord himself will come down from heaven, . . . and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Th 4:16–17 NIV)
- Then it will be said, “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Cor 15:55 NIV)

23 More transformation

- Another transformation will take place at that time too.
- When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He died as a common criminal.
- He was mocked and taunted by his enemies and abused greatly.
- People hurled insults at Him—shaking their heads.
- The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” (Luke 23:35 NIV)

24 Future Transformation

- However, earlier that day, when Jesus stood before His accusers the High Priest asked Him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” (Matt 26:63 NIV)
- “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: In the future you will see [quoting Daniel 7:13] the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Matt 26:64 NIV)

- In other words, the leaders of Israel will one day see a glorified and transformed Jesus—who will be coming with vengeance on His mind.

25 Jesus' transformation

- He will be, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? (Is 63:1 NIV)
- For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come. (Is 63:4 NIV)
- He will be riding a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. (Rev 19:11 NIV)

26 Jesus' transformation

- Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev 19:15–16 NIV)

27 Summary

- The main point of tonight's message is this . . .
 - There's more than meets the eye.
 - While we may look ordinary we're not.
 - We are new creatures in Christ and there is incomparably great power for us who believe, which is also transforming us from the inside out into the image of Christ.
 - While we may look weak, we're not and one day we will be transformed into something that will be quite glorious.

28 Summary

- Likewise, when Jesus returns to the earth, He will not come as a baby born in obscurity.
- He will come in great splendor and majesty and wage war in justice and righteousness.
- He will be transformed as King of kings, and Lord of lords and rule with an iron scepter on the earth.
- And we, who are now nobodies, will rule and reign with him as somebodies.

29 Conclusion

- With this in mind, don't worry about what men are doing or not doing.
- The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. . . . he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.” (Psa 2:4–6 NIV)
- So then, as the Scripture says, Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1 Pet 1:13 NIV)

- For the tables will one day be turned and those favored of the Lord will be transformed and revealed with great glory. AMEN

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