

## Matt. 16:24-17:1 and Parallels

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As part of our research for *Did the Transfiguration Fulfill Matt. 16:28?*, the table on the following page was prepared.

We are not suggesting anything particular in this document. It is being published merely because we think it might be of interest to our readers.

We note the following observations:

1. All three gospel accounts are obviously describing the same episode in the ministry of Jesus;
2. The accounts are remarkably similar (yellow highlight);
3. They are remarkably *dissimilar* (other than yellow highlight);
4. A chapter break has been inserted after Mark 8:38 where no break occurs at corresponding points in Matthew or Luke;
5. The NASB inserts a paragraph break at chapter 16:28; the Greek source text does not;
6. The NASB's topic heading for the *The Transfiguration* in Mark *precedes* Christ's

“some of those who are standing here” statement. In Matthew and Luke, the headings *follow* the statement;

7. Matthew and Luke never agree on an item not in Mark, a phenomenon which some suggest indicates Markan priority.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are often compared in three columns because they contain much similar material. Such a comparison is referred to as a *synopsis*. The difficulties surrounding the similarities and differences among the *synoptic gospels* are commonly referred to as the *synoptic problem*. A fascinating introduction to this topic is found in *The Synoptic Problem: A Way Through the Maze* by Mark Goodacre.

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Note: The NASB uses boldface verse numbers to indicate new paragraphs.

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## NASB

Matthew 16-17	Mark 8-9	Luke 9
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discipleship Is Costly</i></p> <p><sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples,</p> <p>“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.</p> <p><sup>25</sup>“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake</p> <p>will find it.</p> <p><sup>26</sup>“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?</p> <p><sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is going to come in</p> <p>the glory of His Father with His angels,</p> <p>and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.</p> <p><sup>28</sup>“Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see</p> <p>the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter 17 <i>The Transfiguration</i></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.</p>	<p><sup>34</sup>And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them,</p> <p>“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.</p> <p><sup>35</sup>“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake</p> <p>and the gospel’s</p> <p>will save it.</p> <p><sup>36</sup>“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?</p> <p><sup>37</sup>“For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?</p> <p><sup>38</sup>“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him</p> <p>when He comes in</p> <p>the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter 9 <i>The Transfiguration</i></p> <p><sup>1</sup>And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see</p> <p>the kingdom of God</p> <p>after it has come with power.”</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves...</p>	<p><sup>23</sup>And He was saying to <i>them</i> all,</p> <p>“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.</p> <p><sup>24</sup>“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake,</p> <p>he is the one who</p> <p>will save it.</p> <p><sup>25</sup>“For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?</p> <p><sup>26</sup>“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him</p> <p>when He comes in</p> <p>His glory, and</p> <p>the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.</p> <p><sup>27</sup>“But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see</p> <p>the kingdom of God.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Transfiguration</i></p> <p><sup>28</sup>Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.</p>

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