

# Sermon Notes

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## Israel 2020 (Week 2)

### Jesus' Final Journey

## Small Group Questions

1. What do you think of Jesus in one moment telling Peter/Simon that he is the rock who will overcome the world to being called Satan when he tells Jesus he is not going to die in Jerusalem?
2. Why does the transfiguration occur in the region of Caesarea Philippi - is their significance to it being near Mt Herman/(Sinai)?
3. Seeing certainly enhances belief, but how do we balance that with what Jesus said in John that those who do not see will be blessed because of their sight-less belief?
4. Beliefs, opinions, and convictions are easily held when there is little opposition. Jesus took his disciples to a location where opposition to belief in Him would be the most opposed. Why do you think he does this? When are your core convictions the most easily shaken?
5. Peter was one of the most invested disciples. He had deep convictions about Jesus' ministry and what it should look like, only to be told by Jesus that Peter had earthly things in mind and not heavenly. How can Peter be so committed to Jesus and His mission and get it wrong? Has this ever happened to you? How can we stay in step with Jesus so our understanding of ministry matches Jesus'?

Scriptures used: Matthew 16:13-23; 17:1-8