## **October 19 Questions**

| 1) | The transfiguration was significant for several reasons: (1) it was the of Jesus'                    |
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|    | prophecy that "there are some standing here who will not taste until they see the Son o              |
|    | Man coming in his kingdom" (Matt 16:28); (2) it was the only visible display of Jesus'               |
|    | during his earthly ministry, and it was seen by men who then testified as                            |
|    | " of his majesty" (2 Pet 1:16; Deut 17:6); (3) it showed Jesus' supremacy over                       |
|    | (the Law) and (the prophets); (4) it confirmed Jesus as God's final and                              |
|    | superior (Heb 1:1–2), for he was the culmination and fulfillment of everything that                  |
|    | had come before (Matt 5:17). For all the grand theological and Christological motifs that are presen |
|    | in the transfiguration, there is also a strong emphasis on God said to the three                     |
|    | disciples, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; to him!" (Luke 9:35). The revelation of Jesus             |
|    | as God's Son means that we owe him our, our and our  |
|    | . Those who have the privilege of hearing Jesus' message must his words!                             |
|    | (Heb 2:2–3; 10:28–29). After Jesus exorcised the demon which the disciples could not cast out, they  |
|    | came to him and asked what they had done wrong, for they had cast out demons                         |
|    | before (Mark 6:7, 13). Jesus said, "Because of your (oligopistos). For truly, I                      |
|    | say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard, you will say to this mountain, 'Move          |
|    | from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matt 17:20). The     |
|    | disciples expected the demon to come out, and when it them, the                                      |
|    | gave up. Had they in faith and called out to God in , they would have                                |
|    | prevailed (cf. Mark 9:29). Jesus' mention of a mustard seed was intended to teach them that it was   |
|    | not the quantity of their faith, but the of their faith that mattered. If they would                 |
|    | persist in faith in spite of adversity, even speck-sized faith was enough to move mountains!         |