

# *A Wrinkle in Time*

## Sermon Series

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## **Week One - February 11**

*Misfits and Whatsit?* (Chapters 1 & 2)

**Theme: Perception vs. Reality**

**Scripture:**

**Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)**

2 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. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 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.” 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 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.

**1 Corinthians 13:12(NIV)**

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

## **Discussion:**

(thank you Tanya and Youth Group)

We meet several characters in the first two chapters who are perceived to be one way, but in reality are very different.

**Meg**- How is she perceived by her classmates? How does she see herself? Who sees the real Meg?

**Charles Wallace** - How is he perceived by others? How is he perceived by his family?

**Calvin** - What assumptions could be made about Calvin upon first glance? Who is he really?

**Mrs. Whatsit & Mrs. Who** - What do we know about these mysterious women so far? Are they really who they seem?

**Meg's Parents** - What do we know about them? What do people think about them?

### **Quotes for discussion - perception vs. reality**

“Surely her mother must know what people were saying, must be aware of the smugly vicious gossip. Surely it must hurt her as it did Meg. But if it did she gave no outward sign. Nothing ruffled the serenity of her expression. --Why can't I hide it too? Meg thought. Why do I always have to *show* everything?” (pg 5)

“Mr. Jenkins, you've met my mother, haven't you? You can't accuse her of not facing facts, can you? She's a scientist. She has doctors' degrees in both biology and bacteriology. Her *business* is facts. When she tells me that my father isn't coming home, I'll believe it. As long as she says Father *is* coming home, then I'll believe that” (pg 27)

“It was true that Charles Wallace seldom spoke when anybody was around, so that many people thought he’d never learned to talk.” (pg 9)

“I really must learn to read, except I’m afraid it will make it awfully hard for me in school next year if I already know things. I think it will be better if people go on thinking I’m not very bright. They won’t hate me quite so much.” (pg 30)

### **Putting it all together:**

How did Peter, James and John see Jesus before, during and after the transfiguration?

What was Jesus revealing about himself to them?

How did the transfiguration help them to see the reality of who Jesus truly was?

Consider the verse 1 Corinthians 13:12 while answering these questions.

The Message puts it this way, “We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!”