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### **Only a Story?**

The Preacher at the church we attended Sunday, delivered well a well crafted message about the Transfiguration. He said this Scripture is a story. "Stories" are very big these days among many Preachers. I have used them, of course, over 45 years of preaching. Every Pastor I know has always used stories. There is a difference today. We used them as illustrations of objective truths. Today, stories are more often used as containing the truth. The story does not illustrate truth external to it, but rather communicates truth within it. This is, "illustrated" (sorry) by what the Preacher said, Sunday, about the Transfiguration. It does not matter whether it ever happened or not. The actual story may not be true (historical) . Catch that- this Scripture may not be true. It does not have to be true. When we read it, we may find truth in it. He then explained what he thought the truth for us today might possibly be. At this point, he added another notion, also very popular among today's emerging church leaders. The story, that may not be true, came out of a community of believers. Apostolic authorship is irrelevant. It is to be discussed among us today, as a community of believers, to discover some truth in it for us (So much for "revelation" of objective, propositional truth and the writer's original intent, let alone traditional Rules of Interpretation) But hey, this Message was well crafted and well delivered.

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