



**BULLSEYE!  
ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!  
"THE TRANSFIGURATION - WAS IT AFTER SIX DAYS OR EIGHT DAYS?"**

**QUESTION:**

Both the accounts of Matthew and Mark have after six days while Luke has about eight days? **Is there a contradiction?**

<p><a href="#">Matthew 17:1</a></p> <p>And <b>after six days</b> Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,</p>	<p><a href="#">Mark 9:2</a></p> <p>And <b>after six days</b> Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.</p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 9:28</a></p> <p>And it came to pass <b>about an eight days</b> after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.</p>
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**ANSWER:** No.

**EXPLANATION:**

As both Matthew and Mark say '**after six days**', the question is **how much after** six days? The Matthew and Mark accounts do not say how much and it could be seven days or maybe eight days.

Luke has '**about** eight days'. This could be **seven** days or this could be **eight** days but probably not nine days. The word '**about**' indicates that the timing is **not** precise.

Luke's expression 'about an eight days' could take into account the possibility of two full days of day 1 and day 8, but most likely 'about eight days' would have included **six full plus two 'part-days'**.

For example:

Day 1 <b>part of a day</b>	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8 <b>part of a day</b>
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Mathew's and Mark's 'after six days' may have been the six full days in between the part days on either side of them.

Now Day 1 and Day 8 may have only been '**part-days**' in Luke's account and Luke would be including the part days on either side of the six full days of Matthew and Mark, thereby making up the '**about** eight days'.

**THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION between the accounts.**

**WHY DO THE GOSPELS APPEAR TO DISAGREE WITH EACH OTHER?**

If before a **judge** in the civil courts, **four witnesses** appear with exactly the same story, and **all agreeing** with each other down to the **last detail**, then the judge will throw the case out of court. Why? He knows that the witnesses are lying and have got together and **manufactured** their evidence, to win their case.

Now it is said that when buying an Oriental rug, any stitching irregularity is proof of an honest hand making the rug. It is genuine. Otherwise it has been perfectly factory made without blemish and therefore not authentic or genuine!

We use this analogy to show that the King James Bible is authentic and genuine, with its **APPARENT** inconsistencies and contradictions. But yes, **there are NONE!**

Put it this way, throughout the gospels, and **ONLY** in the King James Bible, does the iron back-bone, the spine of absolute truth, run its course. It is into this perfection of the straight line of truth any apparent contradictions must fit – **and they do!**

Neatly summarised we say:

**"The reconciliation of apparent contradictions is the positive confirmation that the truth is being told!"**

So it is with the four gospels, as we piece their evidence together, we find that although there may **appear** errors, discrepancies and/or contradictions between their stories, they all combine to make one truth. God **DELIBERATELY** gives the four witnesses only **certain** details that they will bring to memory, but like a jig saw puzzle, the pieces all fit **perfectly** together. One author, God himself, with four obedient speakers ([2Pet 1:21](#))!

God's **apparent** contradictions are all **deliberate** to reveal men with proper and true study ([1Cor 11:19](#))

God's **apparent** contradictions are the **stumbling block** for any lazy King James Bible corrector.

God's **apparent** contradictions embarrass the '**primary school apprentices**' that are of the **concision**, that rip and tear at the truth of the King James Bible ([Philippians 3:2](#))

God's **apparent** contradictions reveal the '**clouds without water**' of all King James Bible critics ([Jude 1:12](#))

God's **apparent** contradictions reveal those that **JUST PREFER**, but will not believe, the inerrancy and perfection of the King James Bible.

God's **apparent** contradictions expose those with **Greek-itis. Definition? "Ah! The deeper meaning to be found only in the 'greek'.**

God's **apparent** contradictions entice the **destructive** King James Bible correcting mice out of their little tiny holes in the wall.

As any teacher of the 'good shepherd' variety ([John 10:11, 14](#)) will tell you

"I don't mind how much or how little a student knows,

it's their attitude to learning the truth that counts!

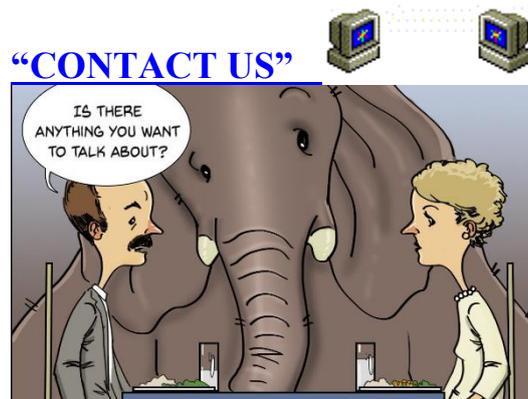
**Will they have the truth, nothing but the truth, all of the truth, at any cost!"**

Oh yes, they want three out of the four, **but at any cost?**

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