

LENT WEEK 2

Mark 9:2-10

GOSPEL READING:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. There appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

REFLECTION:

- The events of the Transfiguration balance out Jesus' first prophecy of His Passion in Mark 8:31-33. It was quite shocking for the Apostles to hear Jesus speak of His impending death. The Transfiguration thus helped to remind and reassure the Apostles of Jesus' glory and divinity. Think of a time when you were reassured by recalling that God is a big God. How did it help you to remember that God is capable of great and wonderful deeds?
- Experiencing Jesus' glory in such a palpable manner prompted a desire within Peter to extend the heavenly encounter, as well as to honor and worship Jesus and the holy figures accompanying Him. Why do you think Peter felt this way? What are some forms of prayer that help you to worship God?
- How do you think you would have reacted if you had been one of the Apostles present at the Transfiguration? How would this experience have guided your life?
- How is Jesus revealing His glory to you in your life right now? How is He reassuring you?
- How can you reveal Jesus' glory to others right now?

SONG SUGGESTION

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