



March 12, 2017 Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 25 Gospel MT 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Spiritual Reflection: In today's Gospel Jesus shows Peter, James, and John his glory. It is a reminder to us just how much Jesus had given up to save us. One of the reasons why the Paschal Mystery means so much is because it shows us just how much Jesus sacrificed for our sake. It is more of a miracle when a king steps down from his throne to have lunch with an ordinary person than when that person's best friend would have lunch with him.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why was it necessary for Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration?
2. Why was it not necessary for all the Apostles to witness the Transfiguration?
3. Why did God think it was necessary for you to hear today's Gospel?
4. How do you think Peter, James, and John were changed by what they saw and heard?
5. How are you going to change your life now?