

August 6th 2023 Feast of The Transfiguration– Year A – Matthew 17:1-9

¹⁷⁻¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings* here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus appearing in glory to the apostles. He took Peter, James and John up a high mountain before He was transfigured in their presence. This is a symbol of the painful journey the apostles must make with Jesus. On their journey with Jesus they get covered by a cloud and yet it is from within the cloud that they experience a renewed commitment to Him.

When are the times in our lives that a dark cloud has covered us in shadows and we found it hard to keep our commitments?

Who were the Jesus people who brought us back into the light?

When did we help someone to a new life experience by being there for them as Jesus was for the apostles?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who have walked with us and helped us to come out of the darkness of our lives. They helped us to realise that as long as we have a relationship with you we will be able to come out from behind these dark clouds.

Forgive us Lord when we are afraid to get close to people and travel with them in their hour of darkness helping them to realise that they are your sons and daughters and your favour rests with them.

Help us Lord when people are overcome with fear and anxiety to encourage them to reach out to You and hear Your words "Do not be afraid".

