

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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AFRAID	JOHN	TOUCHED
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CHARGED	PROSTRATE	
CLOUD	RISE	
DISCIPLES	SHONE	
ELIJAH	SUN	
JAMES	TENTS	

Catechizing Corner!

The cross was a stumbling block for many earlier believers. If Jesus was really the Messiah, how could the Lord God have forsaken him? According to Bible Scholars, the transfiguration shows unequivocally that God no more abandoned Jesus than he did his predecessor, Moses. Jesus trusted his Father against all odds. When the world thought of him as dwelling in shame and disgrace, Jesus trusted his Father. Believers are to do no less. We are to trust God; we are to be subject to the Lordship of Christ, the new Moses and Lawgiver.

In the doctrine of later generations, the transfiguration was understandably interpreted as the revelation of Christ's divinity. However, the first communities were not so developed in their theology. Matthew's community understood the transfiguration as a proclamation of Jesus as Messiah

The transfiguration is a preview of Christ's resurrected glory and rule from the heavenly throne. On the holy mountain of authority he will rule heaven and earth. It foreshadows the resurrection. Moses and Elijah are integral to the scene. Moses foretold a prophet that would one day reveal God's will to the world. Elijah was understood as a precursor to the day of the final eschaton. Both characters signal the world that the last age has finally arrived.

There is a paradox of the moment. Jesus, on this mountain, is surrounded by hero-saints of old. On the hill of Golgotha he will be surrounded by criminals. On this holy mountain Jesus' clothes shine brilliantly. On the hill of Golgotha they are torn from his body in disgrace. The Divine Voice heralds Jesus as Son. His executioners do the same at his murder.

The vision of transcendent glory was to be balanced with the specter of future suffering. There can be no resurrection, no power from on high, to rule supreme over the earth in resurrected glory without the cross. "His suffering was part and parcel of his glory."

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle A*
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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

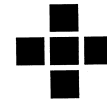
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 17:1-9

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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, 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

Gospel Glossary

Transfiguration is when Jesus, looked heavenly and seemed to glow like the sun.

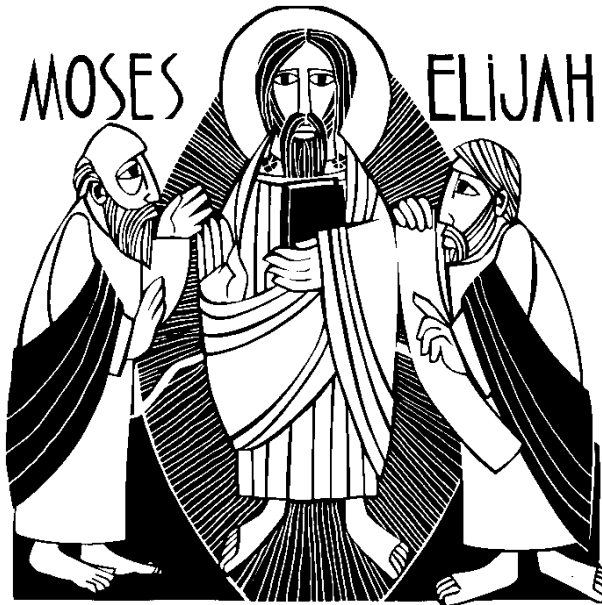
Moses and Elijah are two Old Testament heroes. **Moses** was the leader who led the Jewish people out of Egypt, and **Elijah**, a famous prophet.

Tent, in this case, probably meant a stand that sells souvenirs.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Who is beloved to you? Are you beloved?

Teens: How would you like Jesus to transform you?

Children: Do you like climbing mountains?

Families: Peter, John, and James wanted to stay on the mountain trip. Why?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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