

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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ALONE	JAMES	SILENT
APPEARANCE	JERUSALEM	WHITE
CHANGED	JOHN	
CHOSEN	MASTER	
CLOUD	MOSES	
DAZZLING	MOUNTAIN	
ELIJAH	PETER	
FRIGHTENED	PRAY	

Catechizing Corner!

Luke does not use the word *transfiguration*. Luke says: "His face *changed* in appearance." Jesus had an "Ah-ha" moment, the kind that knocks us off balance, makes us shake our head in incredulity and say, "Wow!" Jesus experienced an incredible insight, and it was *reflected on his face*. All of a sudden it all makes sense, Jesus understands the big picture. Now he knows what needs to happen and why. His death was not to be the end of his mission, but the fulfillment of it. His death meant liberation. He had to go to Jerusalem; it was the only way. His mission on earth was accomplished. There was nothing left for him to do. He left a living legacy, a living memorial. Jesus had to die. He had to "give his life as a ransom for the many." Through his death, the gates of heaven would be opened and his ministry of healing and liberation would last forever. It made perfect sense.

Jesus' face had to change. The revelation was so profound, that it was "written all over his face." Profound revelation is often accompanied by a change in facial expression, such as happened to Hanna when she learned she would have a child (Sam 1:1). Some of the stories of early martyrs reflect a changed expression on their faces. "The members of the Sanhedrin who sat there stared at him intently. Throughout, Stephen's face seemed like that of an angel" (Acts 6:15). In other instances we are told of martyrs who went to their day of victory cheerful and *bright of countenance*. Thus, from Luke's version of the transfiguration, it is possible to conclude that the theophany on Mount Tabor was for Jesus an encounter, a turning point, and the impetus to go forward to Jerusalem, to his ultimate death.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*
Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

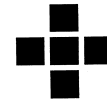
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Luke 9:28b-36

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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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 Luke 9:28b-36

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Glossary

A cloud came and cast a shadow over them. In the Bible this is the sign that God is present and that he is going to speak. The cloud's shadow covers the person to whom God is speaking,

because God is a mystery and no one can see him. castle wall.

To put someone to the test means to challenge someone to prove something or to try to trick him.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What do you most want God to help you with?

Teens: Is God calling you to change any of your behaviors? If yes please describe.

Children: Peter wanted to build something for Jesus. If Jesus should come to your home, would you like to build something for him?

Families: At this time of year, sometimes families spring-clean their homes. Could you spring-clean and recommit yourself to God this Lenten season?

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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