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Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and **they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.** Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, **‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’** And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

In Summary



In today’s gospel, Peter, James and John witness the divinity of Jesus. Not only that, but they come in contact with God Himself! **God Himself spoke to them.** Unlike at Jesus’ baptism, when God spoke directly to Jesus (His son) this voice from heaven spoke to the three disciples – what a wonderful privilege! **The disciples saw Moses and Elijah, who were alive and not dead. Jesus spoke to Moses and Elijah in the presence of Peter, James and John, so they would know that eternal life is real. Heaven is real.** Finally, God acknowledged Jesus to be His son and commanded the disciples to listen to him.

What, Where, When and Why??

This is an epiphany of Jesus’ divinity, revealed here to the three disciples and is known as - the Transfiguration. However, the powerful revelation here for the faithful, is that eternal life is real – as Jesus demonstrates to the disciples (and all the faithful), with His meeting with Moses and Elijah.

When and where did the Transfiguration happen? Jesus and His disciples are on Jesus’ final journey to Jerusalem, and to His Passion and death. Since earliest time, Mount Tabor, in Galilee, has been associated with the Transfiguration.

Why did Jesus go “up the mountain to pray?” As recorded in the gospels, Jesus would often go to a quiet place to pray, after spending the day preaching in the temple, or, teaching His disciples. At the Transfiguration, Jesus is accompanied by three of His disciples (Peter, John and James) the same three, who would accompany Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed before His arrest, Passion and death. *Peter, James and John were special. They were the first disciples chosen by Jesus. Luke 5:1-11.*

Who were Moses and Elijah? Moses lived about 1,500 years before Christ and Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. They were two of the greatest heroes of Israel, who had significant roles in Jewish history. The disciples (like all Jews) would have known and been familiar, with the history of these two men.

Why did Jesus meet with Moses and Elijah? Luke’s Gospel records that at their meeting, that **“they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem”** (they were speaking of Jesus’ trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem). **Jesus allowed the disciples to witness His meeting with Moses and Elijah, so that they would see these two men with Him, and know that eternal life is true and real.**

Why did Peter volunteer to “make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah?” Moses and Elijah, appeared to them to be physically, as real as, Jesus.

Why did a voice speak to the disciples: “This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him?” The Transfiguration occurs on Jesus’ final journey to Jerusalem. At this time, Jesus is preparing His disciples for the tribulations in Jerusalem and, His passion and death; but the disciples don’t get it – for the last three years they have witnessed Jesus’ authority and His wisdom. They have witnessed His miracles (even raising the dead), so, why would Jesus allow this to happen?? So, God commands the disciples: **“This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him”** (this is almost an admonishment).

In Conclusion

The disciples kept the secret of what they had seen. Not until they have witnessed Jesus’ Passion, death and Resurrection, will they understand the significance of the events at Mt Tabor. We call this event the Transfiguration and mostly celebrate Jesus’ heavenly transfiguration but we often forget Jesus’ important revelation/message.

***The Transfiguration is a powerful and significant revelation.
It is Jesus demonstrating and revealing to the
disciples (and all the faithful) that Eternal Life is True and Real!!!***

We live a material and spiritual life. Death ends our material life but our spiritual life continues, as Jesus reveals to us here, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah.

Also, we may not hear God speaking to us directly from heaven (like to Peter, James and John), or, see Jesus standing in front of us in all His glory, but the Holy Spirit speaks to us: in our heart, our mind and our soul. It may be a nagging feeling we can't get rid of but the challenge is to listen, and do something about it.

Parish Lenten Program

The virtues of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are at the heart of our Lenten experience. Through prayer we are drawn closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live as Jesus teaches us. Fasting joins us in solidarity with the poor who often have no choice but to live without food. Almsgiving is a sign of our commitment to others and our compassion. During Lent, we remember our vows to reject sin and to be disciples of Jesus.

DATE	EVENT & TIME (PC = Project Compassion)
13 th March	2 nd Sun of Lent. PC: In India. Caritas Australia helps provide help to the disabled, as well as, training and help to villagers and farmers, to assist them to be financially independent.
20 th March	3 rd Sun of Lent. PC: In Australia. Caritas Australia helps to preserve and assist our local aboriginal arts and culture.
27 th March	4 th Sun of Lent. PC: In the DRC (Congo). Caritas Australia supports and assist people, to create a better future for their family and the community.
03 rd April	5 th Sun of Lent. PC: In Solomon Islands. Caritas Australia helps the young with education, as well as, training for adult employment.
10 th April	PASSION/PALM Sunday. PC: 2022 Project Compassion donations are to be used to help ensure a better future for the needy.
14 th April	HOLY THURSDAY 6.00 pm Washing of the Feet & Last Supper
15 th April	GOOD FRIDAY Special collection for our Holy Land Stations of the Cross 10am The Passion of Christ 3pm
16 th April	HOLY SATURDAY "Lighting the Easter Fire/Candle."
17 th April	EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am

Note: Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 6pm during Lent and 10am on Good Friday

Project Compassion Week Two - Helping People in India



Biru, a person with a disability, was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods training program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the support and skills he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business and to provide for his family. Over 26 million people who have a disability in India also live in poverty.

Our Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers. We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	8.00 am (the Rosary after)
	Saturday	6.00 pm
Mass Times	Sunday	9.30 am
Reconciliation	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Anointing of the Sick	Liaise with Fr Greg	
Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Liaise with Fr Greg	

Our Prayers of the Faithful

In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Michael D'Souza, Glen Langan, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Terry Hogben, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Iliffe, Claire Webster, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Vernon Thompson, Ilean Wright, Elham Nejaty, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Alvin Desker, Jess Cable, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Joseph Fernandes, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Prayers for our Recently Departed

George Dourado, Teresa Borthwick and Ruth Gemmy.
"God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort." (Matthew 5:4).

Anniversaries of our Beloved Deceased

Mary Tan Ah See De Costa (10 Mar), Giovanna Cicirello (10 Mar), Maurice Prendeville (11 Mar), Derrick Paley (12 Mar), Kevin Brady (12 Mar), Hilda Bingard (13 Mar) David Roberts (13 Mar), Chew Tat Teik (14 Mar), Norma Neligan (14 Mar), May O'Callaghan (14 Mar), Cyrilla Paul (15 Mar) and all our departed relatives and friends.

Meanwhile in the Holy Land



Mount Tabor has long been a place of Christian pilgrimage and is the site of the Church of the Transfiguration. The present Catholic and Greek Orthodox buildings were constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries on the ruins of a 4th Century Byzantine church and a 12th Century Crusader church. The Franciscans administer this Holy site. The triple towered building in the picture is the Church of the Transfiguration and the building to the right, is the Franciscan Monastery. In the footsteps of Jesus.

