

Fr. Martin's Reflection – August 6, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our gospel recounts the remarkable event of the Transfiguration, a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry where he reveals his divine glory to Peter, James, and John. This passage holds significant spiritual insights that provide profound lessons for all of us. The transfiguration occurs when Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, where he is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, and his clothes become dazzling white. Alongside Jesus, Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets, respectively. The appearance of these two significant figures from Jewish history signifies the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies through Jesus. This moment of divine revelation highlights the divine nature of Jesus and reaffirms his identity as the Son of God. The brilliance of his appearance reflects his heavenly glory and confirms that he is not just an ordinary man or prophet but the long-awaited Messiah.

Furthermore, the presence of Moses and Elijah serves to establish Jesus' authority and position as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. It underscores that Jesus is the culmination of God's redemptive plan for humanity, bridging the gap between the old covenant and the new covenant through his life, death, and resurrection. Jesus instructs the disciples not to tell anyone about the Transfiguration until after his resurrection. This command reveals the importance of divine timing and how certain revelations are best understood in light of the full scope of God's plan. It also demonstrates Jesus' foresight in ensuring that his disciples share this powerful experience at the appropriate moment, reinforcing his divine wisdom and purpose.

The Transfiguration was a transformative encounter, revealing Jesus' divine glory and affirming his role as the Son of God and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. This event highlights the significance of faith, humility, and obedience in our relationship with God. It serves as a reminder that encounters with God's glory can profoundly impact our lives and strengthen our faith, preparing us to face the challenges of discipleship with courage and conviction. Moreover, it highlights the importance of divine timing in understanding God's revelation and the wisdom of Jesus' instructions to his disciples. As believers, we are called to listen to Jesus, to embrace his teachings, and to share the transformative power of encountering his divine glory with others.

Let us allow Christ to transform our lives, so we in turn can be the transformative light to others.

Have a blessed week.

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