

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C

- Today we hear about the Transfiguration – but you have to hear this story in context
  - JC feeds 4000
  - Who do you say that I am – Peter's Confession – You are Rock
  - THEN He takes them up the mountain (**Let me show ya**)
  - Peter, James and John did not want it to end.
    - Have you ever had a day so good you didn't want it to end?
      - Henri's baptism – a really great day (only grandchild I've been able to)
        - The celebration – then the party
        - Good food, good friends, never-ending party
        - BUT – if it hadn't ended look at what I'd miss;
          - 1<sup>st</sup> step, 1<sup>st</sup> time he said my name, 1<sup>st</sup> hug
    - PJ&J didn't want this special touch of heaven to end – LETS STAY HERE
    - "Let's put up tents," they said. "Let's hold on to this moment," they meant. But it had to end. It all had to end because more's coming God had a plan.
- God's plan was already in motion and this was just a peek into what was coming
  - The plan had existed from the beginning of time.
  - We heard the first suggestion of the plan in the *Book of Genesis*, in the Garden of Eden, when God told the devil that One will come who will crush the his head with His heel.
    - And here HE is
- The Lord went up a mountain with PJ&J and was transfigured in glory.
  - Incredible mountaintop experience for Peter, James and John
  - He gives them a glimpse of what's coming – just a peek
    - WE are invited to have a relationship with God, just like them
    - WE can have a mountaintop experience of the glory of God
    - But just like the disciples – when we do, we can't stay there
    - NOTHING GROWS ON THE MOUNTAINTOP
    - EVERYTHING GROWS BACK DOWN IN THE VALLEY
  - When they come down from the mountain
    - Confronted by the crowds 'my son is possessed'
    - Who is the greatest
    - Right back to it – there is still alot of growing to do
    - And there's more to come – healings, teachings, forgiveness
      - And the cross → followed by resurrection.
    - The transfiguration is just a peek into what's coming – for them and us
      - But now – here and now – its Lent – our time to get ready
      - To get ready for God's plan to become a reality in OUR lives
      - A time for us to see how our relationship with God can grow into what God intends it to be
      - So that the transfiguration can become our eternal reality.