

2nd 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.
 - They 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 the plan had to take place.
- The plan - Moses and Elijah appeared to speak about a New Exodus.
 - Why Moses and Elijah?
 - Jesus comes to fulfill the law and the prophets
 - Moses – received the 10 commandments – represents the law
 - Elijah – represents the prophets
 - Together with them He discusses a NEW EXODUS
 - From a world of sin to a world of love and peace.
 - And so the plan was set into motion.
 - 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 devil's head with His heel.
 - And here HE is
- The Lord went up a mountain and was transfigured.
 - Incredible mountaintop experience for Peter, James and John
 - Now WE are invited to the mountaintop
 - Now WE are invited to experience the glory of God
 - But just like the disciples – we can't stay there
 - NOTHING GROWS ON THE MOUNTAINTOP
 - EVERYTHING GROWS 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 a lot of growing to do
 - WE are in the same boat – we can come to Jesus
 - We can experience the overwhelming glory of God
 - But we need to bring that experience into the reality of day to day
 - The Lord went up the mountain and was transfigured
 - But he was raised on a cross so that we could be transformed
 - Transformed into His bride – the Church.