

Journeying Through the Gospels in Lent



**Monday
March 17th 2014**

Daily Devotional

“Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise”

Welcome to Day eleventh as we bless our day and our life by spending a minimum of 5 minutes on each **segment** or **step below; 20 minutes.**

- ✓ **Meditation** [5 minutes of quiet reflection]
- ✓ **Visualization** See what your day will be. With conviction, declare how you want your day to unfold and your intentions toward God, his creation and other people who you will be privileged to meet today. And who will be fortunate to encounter you.
- ✓ **Gratitude:** Thankful for the good happenings in your life. Appreciate where you are NOW from where you WERE then.
- ✓ **Inspirational Reading:** Read an article about a person or a situation that will inspire you today.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your Word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Today's Reading

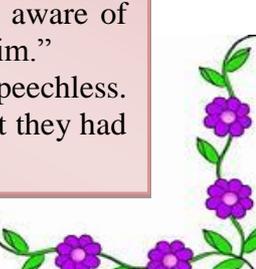
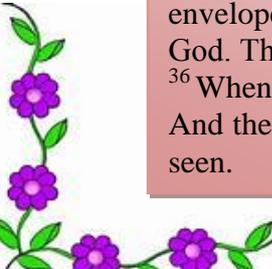
Luke 9:28-36

Luke 9:28-36(MSG)

Jesus in His Glory

²⁸⁻³¹ About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem. ³²⁻³³ Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking. ³⁴⁻³⁵ While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: “This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”

³⁶ When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.





Today's Meditation

It is wonderful to begin this week acknowledging that we need God's help in listening and hearing. So then, let us listen to God's voice. It is so powerful to ask for the "*gift of integrity*" to express our desire for wholeness. And, we humbly ask for light in the midst of whatever might cast shadow on our vision today. This is our God who allows Jesus to be transfigured before his disciples, to prepare them for what they were about to face. This is our God, who can give each of us the change of heart we seek and ask for, so that we may worship God in his Spirit. Let us today meditate on the words of the Psalmist:

*O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant;
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.*

-- Psalm 116

Today's Reflection

Let us praise our loving God, our Redeemer, in Christ Jesus, who gained for us this season of grace, and pray to him, saying: Lord, create a new spirit in us. Christ, our life, through baptism we were buried with you and rose to life with you, may we walk today in newness of life. Lord, you have brought blessings to all mankind, bring us to share your concern for the good of all. May we work together to build up the earthly city, the New Jerusalem, with our eyes fixed on that city that endures forever. Lord Jesus Christ, the Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit, so that we may grow in holiness through your constant care and healing.

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, there is so much darkness in my life and I keep hiding from you. Take my hand and lead me out of the shadows of my fears. Help me to surrender all to you so that you can change my heart. Bring me to your truth and help me to respond to your generous love. Let me recognize the fullness of your love which will fill my life. Free me from the darkness which engulfs my heart, expressing misery, doubt, anxiety and loneliness. Be my love, my joy, my food and portion today, I ask. Amen.

*May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

