

As we continue our Lenten journey our Gospel reading tells us of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor. This story helps us focus on two important ideas. They both happen not at the climax of the story when Christ's Divinity shows through His Humanity, but on the way down the mountain.

First, we hear Christ clearly say that he knows what is going to happen when He reaches Jerusalem, telling his disciples not to tell anyone "Until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." He is relentlessly marching towards His passion, death and resurrection. It is for this reason He became incarnate, to offer Himself for you and for me. I cannot imagine the deep love and resolve that made His feet move towards Good Friday. The act would be the same and the result of Christ dying for me, but Him knowing that all His life, Him choosing that path out of love, it changes things in a way I don't quite know how to explain.

Secondly, this Transfiguration was done for the disciples. That in the darkness and fear that would follow Christ's torture and execution, hope would not be extinguished. Maybe it gave them enough strength to call to mind that day coming down Mount Tabor, maybe it made them remember that Christ said several times that He would rise from the dead. He knows our hearts and minds, He knows how to keep us from despair, just as He did it for the disciples following His sacrifice.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,
Fr. Adam