



Sunday, 8th March, 2020

A Meditation based on Matthew 17:1-9

If you wish, I will make three tents. (Matthew 17:4)

“Three tents? There he goes again,” we might think. “It’s just Peter making another rash statement and getting it wrong.” But *did* Peter get it wrong?

Not really. Remember that Jesus himself brought Peter to the mountaintop with James and John. Now there they were, watching Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus, who was bathed in his Father’s glory. It might not have made perfect sense to Peter, but he knew it was something good. He was so delighted that of course he wanted to pitch some tents and stay.

This “mountaintop” experience must have shored up Peter’s faith. He saw the glory of God! He heard God say that Jesus is his beloved Son and that he is worth listening to. All of these things were very good. Did Peter need to go back down the mountain and continue to follow Jesus to the cross? Yes, but that didn’t take away his need to be on that mountain - his need to be strengthened and filled.

Jesus is calling you to come away with him to a high mountain too. He is asking you to make time for him every day. Pray. Go to Mass. Ponder his word. Sit in his presence, and be filled with awe and wonder at who he is. But don’t stop there. God has a message for you today. He wants to touch your heart and speak to you. Just as Peter heard, “this is my beloved Son” (Matthew 17:5), you can listen for the Holy Spirit to say, “Behold the Lamb of God” when you receive Jesus in Communion. Or “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord” when it’s time to come down from the mountain.

Remember, it’s not selfish to set aside time to be with Jesus. You’re not running away from problems when you take time to pray. It’s always good to come away with him - as long as you are willing to follow him out into the world as well.

Today’s other Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8-10



Lent Lived After the Ashes

I attended Ash Wednesday services on my lunch break one year, heading back to work afterward. Throughout the afternoon, as co-workers came by with questions or pages needing proofing, they would catch sight of my forehead and inevitably remark, “Oh, you’re Catholic!” [read more here](#)

Lenten Practices for Daily Life:

Beginning New Patterns During Lent

Something all of us can do is committing ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. We can simply make a point of being more observant, more aware of what we’re experiencing, more cognizant of our automatic behavior. We can then start paying attention to our many desires. During Lent, we can examine these desires and see which of them we need to purify, which we may need to abandon, and which are positive desires that we need to act on. Naming our deepest desires will guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

Let us Pray,

“Lord, I love you and want to make time for you every day!”