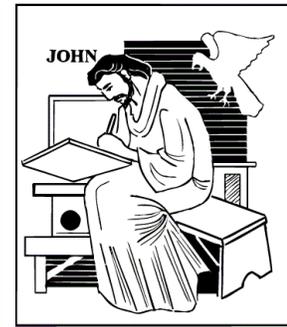
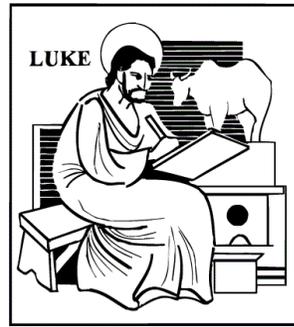
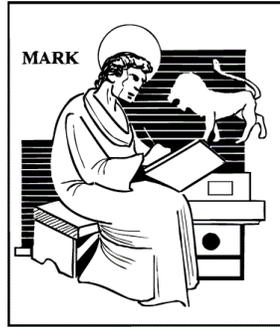
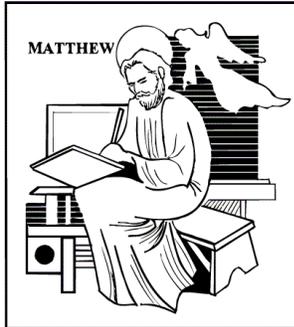


Breaking Open the Word



March 1, 2015 Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 26 Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Spiritual Reflection: Archbishop Fulton Sheen had this to say about the Transfiguration: "The important scenes of Our Lord's life took place on mountains. On one, He preached the Beatitudes, the practice of which would bring a Cross from the world, on the second, He showed the glory that lay beyond the Cross; and on the third, He offered Himself in death as a prelude to His glory and that of all who would believe in His name." The mountain can be a symbol of "literally" being closer to God in the heavens.

Spiritual Questions

1. Where are the important moments of your life taking place? Close or far away from God.
2. Where do you feel most close to God?
3. Why do you think Mark tells us that Peter started babbling?
4. Are you taking time to pray?
5. What does rising from the dead mean?