



March 17 2019 Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 27 Gospel LK 9:28B-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Spiritual Reflection: German Protestant Minister and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will." Peter, James, and John could have probably remained sinless by staying in the moment of the Transfiguration but Jesus does allow them to "build their tents".

Spiritual Questions:

1. What are some core activities Christians are called to do beside pray?
2. Why is simply avoiding sin not enough?
3. What were some spiritual highlights in your life?
4. How did the Transfiguration help Peter, James, and John?
5. How much did God's affirmation help Jesus continue with His ministry?