



Transfiguration Sunday

“Listen To Him”

Matthew 17:1-9

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The end of Epiphany—the moment when God-With-Us is fully revealed.

The disciples get a glimpse of who Jesus is—and then don't get it.

Sometimes The Experience of Glory Is Too Much for Us

“Avatar” and emotional letdown—a strange phenomenon

Don't pass judgement—we all get what this is like.

Why do we go to church? A Spiritual high?

The temptation to keep chasing the mountaintop moments.

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- *Where did this happen? Lots of theories, best guesses*
- *God's reality breaks through our reality—a glimpse of heaven*
- *Moses and Elijah—the Law and Prophets with the Word of God*
- *And then Peter just wants to stay there—“let people come see this!”*
- *The spectacle wasn't going to last, but the word of the Word is.*

Mountaintop moments will fade away, but what you heard on the mountaintop helps you persevere in the valley. You carry the mountaintop with you.

The Church With The Tiffany Windows

- *It only took a hundred years to figure out that the mountaintop could be carried out into the neighborhood.*

1. *You can't keep chasing the mountaintop moments.*
2. *The word of the Word is what helps you carry the mountaintop with you.*
3. *Don't explain it. Live it.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Word Made Flesh: A Theology of the Incarnation

Ian A. McFarland

Christ The Heart of Creation

Rowan Williams

The Universal Christ: Another Name for Everything

Richard Rohr

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