

Getting Ready for Sunday!

Second Sunday of Lent

25 February 2024



The Season of Lent

Have you noticed any signs of Lent in your parish church?

What colour vestments is the celebrant (priest wearing) – the colour purple/violet is a sign of repentance and sacrifice.

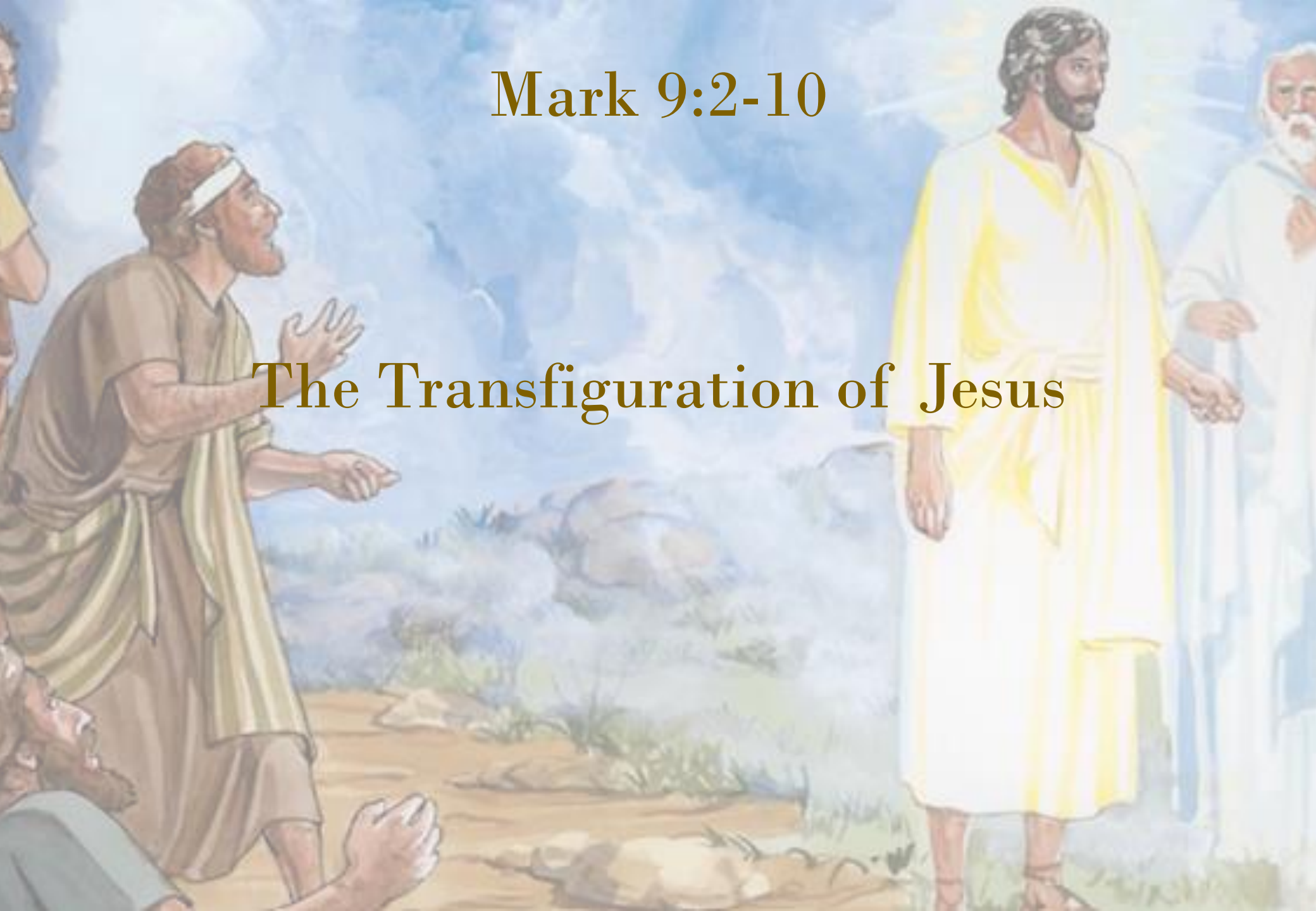
Alleluia is not used in liturgy during Lent, until the Easter vigil when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

We refrain from saying/singing the *Gloria*, at Mass, until the Lord Supper on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.

In today's Gospel, we share in a vision of God's greatness! Look around you for many signs of God's greatness in the world around you.

Mark 9:2-10

The Transfiguration of Jesus



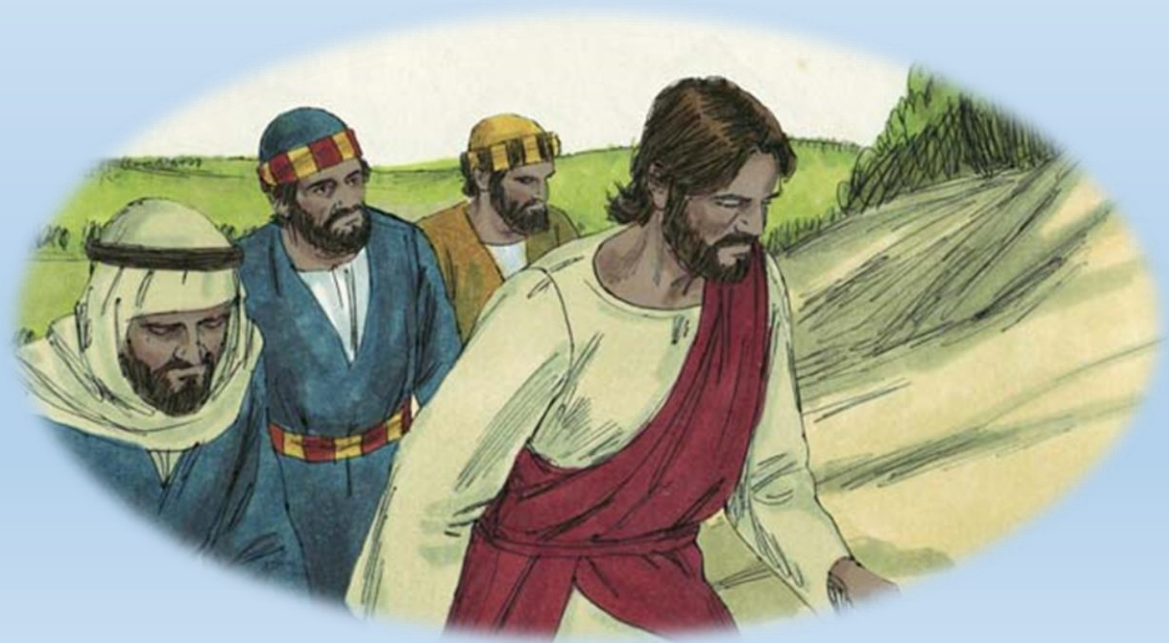
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

Those who were closest to Jesus were given the opportunity to see Jesus transfigured in glory, in the company of Moses and Elijah.

This was to give them hope and courage to face the difficult times ahead of them.

God gives us gifts so that we will also have hope and courage in difficult times.

When has God given you hope when facing difficult times?



And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.



Have you ever felt stunned by the beauty of an experience of God's greatness?

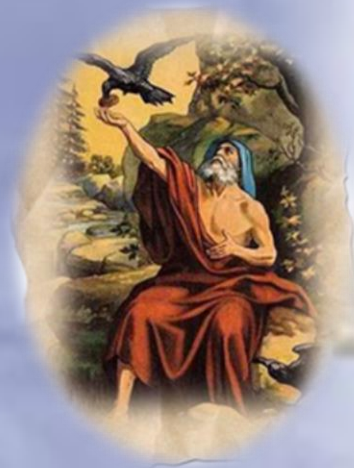


**And there appeared to them Elijah with
Moses, who were talking with Jesus.**

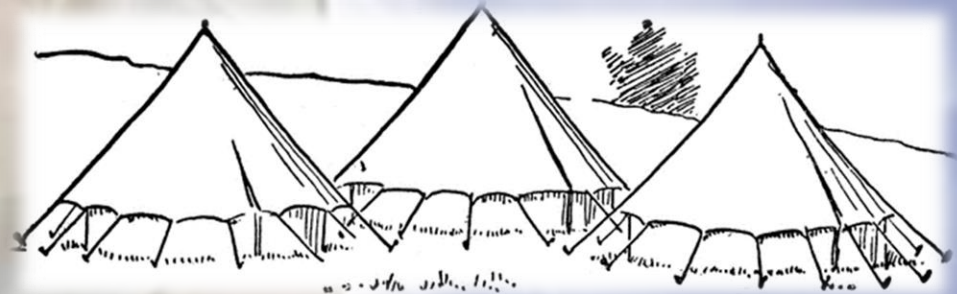
**We too will be transfigured if we
are willing to share the light of
God's love in our lifetime.**

How will you do that today?

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'



Peter wanted time to stand still!
Peter didn't want any change to disturb the moment!
Do you ever want to put off doing something difficult
and hope that it will go away?
Peter did!



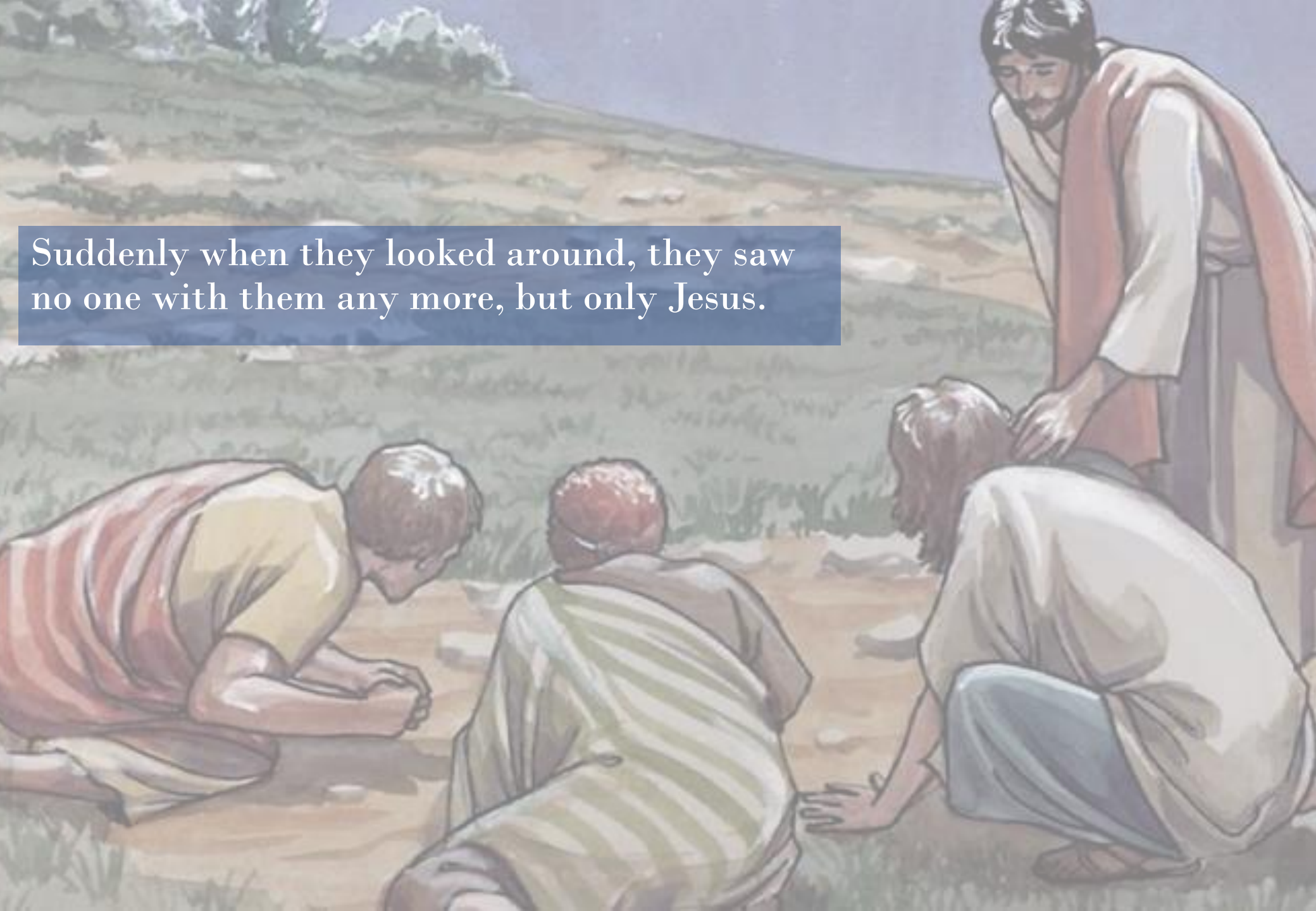


He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.



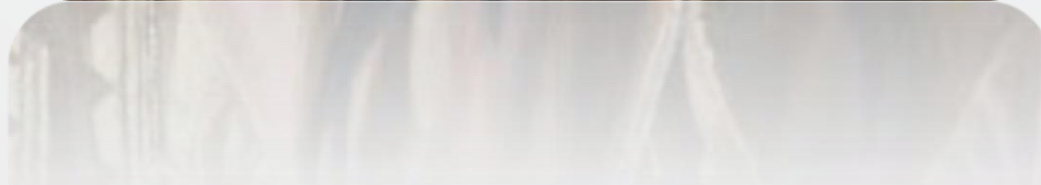
As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



**Sometimes it is difficult to see
what plan God has for us?**

We are asked to trust God!

So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.



Bible Search

Read Mark 9:2-10 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



What changes do you need to make this Lent?

Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to see that
greatness of God in your life.

Ask God to show you the way to go today.

