

**Meditation 2014-03-16**  
**Second Sunday Of Lent**  
**Meditation Theme: “To Whom Should I Listen?”**

**Place yourself** in the presence of Jesus Christ. Make sure He knows that every thought, action, and experience of today is dedicated exclusively to Him.

The Scenario: From the Gospel of today’s Mass

**A**T that time Jesus taketh unto Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: And He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them: and said to them, Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

**Point 1.** – Jesus selected only Peter, James and John to witness the Transfiguration. He might have chosen all of the twelve, but selected only these three.

**Point 2.** – The Transfiguration was not so much a miraculous revealing of Jesus’ divine nature as it was a suspension of the miracle that kept His divine nature hidden.

**Point 3.** – Moses, representing the Law, and Elias, representing the Prophets, appear with Jesus. The old religion was based upon the Law and the Prophets. The New Religion keeps these, but keeps them under the Authority of Jesus.

**Point 4.** – God the Father tells us two things. The first is that Jesus, His Son, pleases Him. The second is to “Hear Him!”

**Meditation:** There is no doubt that Jesus is the “Son of the Living God!” God claims and acknowledges Him. God tells us that Jesus should be heard (and, by extension, obeyed).

Do I hear Him? Do I actively try to understand what He tells me? Do I obey Him? The Transfiguration gives us a brief glimpse of Jesus in His divinity. Can I grasp this? I was not present. Can I believe the Evangelist who testifies to it? Does what happened here convince me that Jesus was more than just a “nice guy?”

Peter took in what happened and reacted. He suggested erecting “three tabernacles” (three tents), as if to say that the arrangement should be permanent. He thought That Moses and Elias should hang around a while. Would that have been necessary? Is that not already the permanent situation? Has the old Law been done away with? Do the Ten Commandments still apply? Do

the Prophets still tell me what God wants me to know? What does Jesus tell me in addition to the Law and the Prophets? Do I know? Do I try to find out? Do I study the teaching of Christ's Church? Do I know what Saint Augustine, for example, has said about God? How about Saint Thomas Aquinas? Do I already know enough, or should I be learning more?

Am I willing to hear and obey only when the teaching of Jesus happens to come my way? Do I make any effort to find out what it is? Where can I find it? Have others found it? Can I ask them? Should I ever consider myself "knowledgeable enough?"

**Colloquy:** Take a minute or two to converse with God, in any of His three Persons, or the Triune God complete in Himself. Tell Him what you have learned from your meditation, and thank Him for it.

**Hold the Gain:** Consider what you can do to keep the fruits of your meditation. Try to plan how you can think of them through the day, and through the days ahead. Come up with ways you can apply your conclusions to what you do in your everyday life, conversations you engage in, the choice of what movie to watch, what books you choose to read.