

The Transfiguration of Jesus signifies God's confirmation of His mission, through Jesus, in the redemption of the whole world. It was from this time on that Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem. He knew that in Jerusalem he would be rejected and crucified. Just before the transfiguration, and after, He tells His disciples that he will be killed, but he will raise again.

They see Jesus resplendent in God's glory, they see the cloud of God descend over Him, Elijah and Moses, they Hear God speak and say, "This is my Son, listen to Him." But they do not comprehend God's mission.

Understanding God's ways can be like this. Telling Jesus that He will make three shelters was Peter's attempt to make sense of what had just happened. We, too, try to make sense of God's ways, only to fall so very short in our understanding. Quite often, if we sit and be still, listening for his voice, He shows us where He has led us from and tells us where we are going. Our understanding then becomes a gift from Him and not from our own efforts.

*God shines forth*

*We have this treasure in Clay Jars*

David, in the Psalm, says, "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth." The readings tell us of the light of God that shines through Christ our Lord. This light, though seen on the Mount of Transfiguration, is also everything that God is, His virtues, His righteousness, His Goodness, and, of course, His love for us. If you have watched someone walking towards a powerful spotlight, somehow the light seems to surround the shape of that person. So it is, that if we seek to draw nearer to God, His light engulfs us, and we too then enter into the transfiguration of the light of Christ. It is His light that transforms us, as we partake in all that He is. Paul tells the Corinthians, "For it is God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. And he gives us the reason, "So that the life of Jesus may be visible in our mortal flesh."