Dear Parents,

So we are in Lent. Please try to work into conversations with your child, now and again, whenever it feels comfortable, how we should use the coming weeks to show kindness to others. Remind them that Lent is not only about 'giving something up', it is also about 'doing more'.

Let's pray together this week for:

- > For the family of God, called to believe and live the Good News
- > For world leaders that they govern with fairness and kindness
- > For those struggling with illness, discomfort and pain
- For our parish community as we strive to be true followers of Jesus.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One Chapter 18
- Level Two Chapter 19
- Level Three Chapter 20
- Level Four Chapter 21
- Level Five Chapter 21
- Level Six Chapter 21

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-02-28

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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Make a joy-ful noise all peo-ple.

Serve the Lord with glad-ness.

Come to God with sing-ing.

Know that the Lord is God. God made you. You are His.

Give thanks and bless God's name.

> God's love en-dures for-ever.

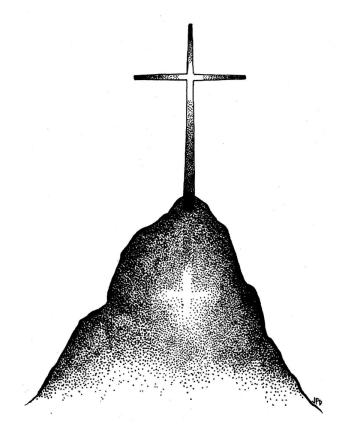
## Who Exactly Is He?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 The testing of Abraham
- ▶ Romans 8:31b-34 God's love for humanity
- Mark 9:2-10 Jesus transfigured

It's difficult to imagine this gospel scene when Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain and was transfigured in front of them. There's nothing in our experience of seeing someone glow in dazzling white clothes brighter than any white we can imagine. Nor have we had visions of two people who lived long ago appearing in front of us like Moses and Elijah did with Jesus. Probably we would be terrified as the three apostles were—and maybe even wonder if we were losing our minds.

It gets even stranger when the three apostles hear a voice from a cloud telling them to listen to "my beloved Son." At that point, they find themselves left alone with the same Jesus they have always known.





Obviously, the experience is something the apostles couldn't have understood with their minds, at least not before his resurrection from the dead. Before this scene, the apostles—as well as pretty much everyone else Jesus was meeting—were trying to figure out just who he was. He appeared human to them in every other way except for the incredible miracles he was performing. How could a human do those things? The Transfiguration probably left the impression that although Jesus was more than just an incredible human being, the apostles still didn't fully understand who he was.

## **Questions of the Week**

When you think of Jesus, do you think of him more as a human or as divine? How so?

If you were one of the apostles at the Transfiguration, what do you think you would have been thinking or feeling? How would it change how you thought of Jesus?

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