

WHAT WE FOUND

The waiting ended. Peter answered the storm's question, you are the Christ of God, and the Father answered over Peter's head: this is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him. We memorized the four verbs of the feeding, took, blessed, broke, gave, and were told only that Luke will trace this four-action pattern again. Twice. On the mountain, Moses and Elijah spoke of his exodus (exodos) to be accomplished at Jerusalem.

And the sealed guesses opened. The chain we assembled: the cloud overshadowed the tabernacle and the glory filled it (Ex 40:34–35); the power of the Most High will overshadow you (Lk 1:35); the cloud overshadowed them (Lk 9:34). One verb, episkiazō. What the tabernacle foreshadowed, the Fathers and the Church's tradition see fulfilled in Mary; the same verb, episkiazō, seals the pattern our hill-country discovery unveiled: she is the new Ark, the dwelling the glory filled. Then the Gospel turned on its hinge: he set his face to go to Jerusalem (9:51), the suffering servant's flint-set face, and the discipleship word Jesus had already spoken (9:23) now had a road to walk: take up his cross daily.

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St. Leo the Great (*Sermon 51, on the Transfiguration*)

The brightness was shown so that when the Lord hung disfigured on Calvary, the disciples might remember what his humiliation concealed. The glory was not new that day; only the unveiling was.

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St. Ambrose of Milan (*Exposition of Luke, Book VII*)

Not a cloud of storm like Sinai's, but a luminous overshadowing of the Spirit, the same presence that came upon Mary at the Annunciation. When the voice has spoken, Jesus is found alone: heralds withdraw, the Fulfillment remains.

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St. Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologiae III, q. 45*)

It was fitting that Christ be transfigured before his Passion: no one bears a hard journey well without a foretaste of its destination, and the clarity shown on the mountain is the very glory promised to the bodies of the blessed.

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

- Each morning this week, before your feet hit the floor, name the day's cross and say the memory verse. Daily means daily.
- Read Exodus 40:34–38 once more on your own, then pray one Hail Mary slowly with the tabernacle in mind.
- Tell one person, this week, what your sealed guess was and what the answer turned out to be.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Luke 9:23 *If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (RSV2CE)*

Before next session: read Luke 10:1–11:54, seventy sent out, a Samaritan on the Jericho road, two sisters, and the Our Father.

Catechism this week: CCC 554–556, 697, 1335, 2600.