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### ENTERING THE SCENE:

Carl Jung teaches: “Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside awakens”. Sometimes we can only appreciate an experience in hindsight after we look inside. The glimpse of what was to come was way beyond the imaginations of the poor disciples. It would only be with the aid of 20X20 vision of the cross, resurrection and Pentecost that they will be able to do what Jesus told them, that is, Get up, don’t be afraid. But for now they come down from their “highs” experienced that day, and follow Jesus down the mountain into what lay ahead. We are given this glimpse also as Lent asks us also to follow Jesus as we too embrace the crosses that our lives entail. But we have an advantage of these disciples, we don’t have to keep quiet about what we have seen, because Jesus has risen, as we too will rise.

Mt. 17: 1-9

1 After **six days** Jesus took with him **Peter, James and John** the brother of **James**, and led them **up** a high **mountain** by themselves. 2 There he was **transfigured** before them. His face **shone like the sun**, and his clothes became as **white as the light**. 3 Just then there **appeared** before them **Moses and Elijah**, talking with **Jesus**. 4 **Peter** said to **Jesus**, "**Lord**, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up **three shelters**--one for you, one for **Moses** and one for **Elijah**." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright **cloud enveloped** them, and a **voice** from the **cloud** said, "**This is my Son**, whom **I love**; with him I am **well pleased**. **Listen** to him!" 6 When the **disciples** heard this, they **fell facedown** to the ground, **terrified**. 7 But **Jesus** came and **touched** them. "**Get up**," he said. "**Don't be afraid**." 8 When they **looked up**, they **saw no one** except **Jesus**. 9 As they were coming **down** the **mountain**, **Jesus instructed** them, "**Don't tell anyone** what you have seen, until the **Son of Man** has been **raised from the dead**."

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** The disciples were told to get up and not be afraid. How does my faith in Jesus enable me to do that?

**PRAYER:** Transfigured Jesus, I too get glimpses of what God is doing in my life and like the poor disciples of today I rush to make tangible the experience so I can linger and savor the moment. And like those disciples I truly need those glimpses in order to keep on keeping on. I like they look out at all the struggles that surround me and I feel like falling facedown to the ground. Please touch me so that I can do like they- get up unafraid to follow you for another day, another week, another year. Amen.