



## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory" (*Col 1:27*; cf.: St. Leo the Great, *Sermo 51, 3*: PL 54, 310C).

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory".<sup>295</sup> Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings.<sup>296</sup> Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant;<sup>297</sup> the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."<sup>298</sup>

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.<sup>299</sup>

## ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

What did Jesus do in the temple?

## ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

What happened to Jesus on the Mountain?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

We heard in the Gospel that Jesus was Transfigured on the mountain. This means that his appearance changed and His Glory could be seen. Ordinarily the Glory of Jesus, who is God, was hidden and only His human nature could be seen, so he looked like any other man. Peter James and John were terrified and amazed at what they heard and saw.

### DURING THE WEEK

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus hides His Divine Glory and his Resurrected Glorified Body under the appearances of Bread and Wine. Why do you think Jesus hides? It's because he knows we might be afraid like the Apostles, so he hides His Glory so we will approach Him in the Sacraments.



Read the Gospel and Color

