

Remembrance Day

Gratefully remembering the sacrifice that brought peace.

Finding Jesus Again

A Study in the Gospel of Mark

1 And he said to them,
"Truly, I say to you, there are
some standing here who will
not taste death until they see
the kingdom of God after it
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2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here.

Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. 11 And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

12 And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid.

So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

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Raphael, The Transfiguration (circa 1520)

What do you notice about the painting?

Why might Raphael have put the two scenes together?



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Hay una conexión entre la Transfiguración y la curación del niño.

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 - La misión del Reino de Dios no se logrará mediante argumentos y debates.

Luke 4

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim good news** to the poor.

He has sent me to **proclaim liberty** to the captives and **recovering of sight** to the blind, to **set at liberty** those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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"Prayer" in the New Testament

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 6:4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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Acts 10:4 And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

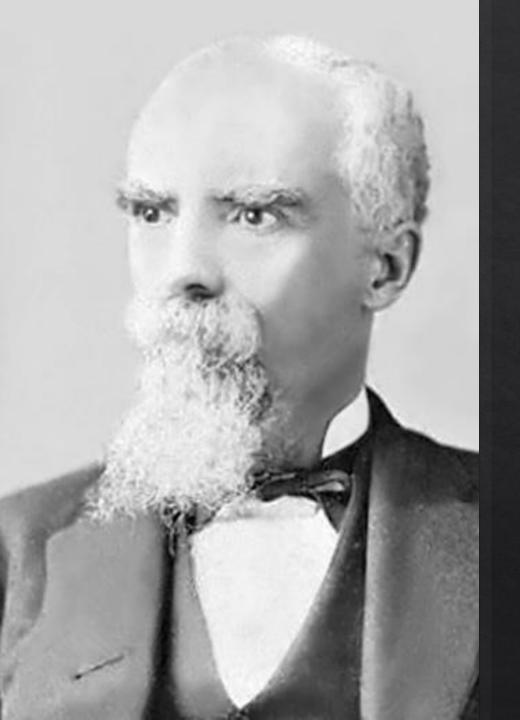
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Eph 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

Eph 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

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- 4. There is a strength and vitality and power that comes from daily fellowship with God.
 - Hay una fuerza, una vitalidad y un poder que provienen de la comunión diaria con Dios.



E.M. Bounds

"Prayer which is felt as a mighty force is the immediate product of much time spent with God."

"No person can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a person of prayer, and no person can be a person of prayer who does not give much time to praying."

It is the vitality and faith and hope of the world above that lets us live in the darkness without being swept away.