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Luke 9:28-43a (NLT)

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray.

²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus.

³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him.

³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

³⁷ The next day, after they had come down the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus.

³⁸ A man in the crowd called out to him, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, my only child.

³⁹ An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone.

⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn't do it."

⁴¹ Jesus said, "You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you and put up with you?" Then he said to the man, "Bring your son here."

⁴² As the boy came forward, the demon knocked him to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy. Then he gave him back to his father.

⁴³ Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God's power.

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me. (chorus)

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there
be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me. (chorus)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me. (chorus)

~ Graham Kendrick

Other Lectionary Readings: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the friends God has blessed us with.
- We pray for the people impacted by wars around the world.
- We pray for honesty from our politicians as they move towards another election.
- We give thanks for moments of wonder which grace our lives.
- We give thanks that God is with us in the less-than-wonderful moments too.

Meg's Musings

I was intrigued when Janet found the interesting article about Clark Gable.

Millions of people would have enjoyed his movies, and seen him as "the ideal man".

Over our lifetime, many people have an impact, and an influence on us.

Some of the those people will be our family members; others will be people whom we will never even meet. Yet their influence is real.

The people who have influenced us probably didn't set out to do so - it just happens as life unfolds.

We each have the opportunity to be an influence on others.

What kind of impact is your life making?

Blessing from Meg



The happiest people are the givers not the takers. ~ unknown

Shrove Tuesday!



Pancake Day!

4 March: Shrove Tuesday

10am Pancake Tuesday morning tea at Southside.

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



CHURCH SERVICES

9 March 11am West ~ Rev Sam Sadrata

16 March 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

23 March 11am West ~ Rev Geoff Flynn

30 March 11am: Combined service
hosted by the Fijian congregation



Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Weekly Bulletin

I wonder if you have had a 'Mountain top' experience. What was it like? What made that experience for you extra special? Was it a big hike up to get to that mountain top?

Perhaps it was not you physically going up on a mountain top, but something that you have overcome in your life that you finally 'got on top of' that changed you. Now we pick up in our Gospel reading after a series of events had already taken place; Jesus sending out the twelve disciples, Jesus feeding the five thousand, Peter declaring that Christ is indeed the Messiah, to Jesus predicting his death for the very first time, and now, Christ took with Peter, John and James up a mountain to pray. Now, there is something spiritually significant about mountains in the bible. Perhaps a view that it was a space where God engages/interacts with the Prophets throughout the bible, even up until Jesus' time.

When Moses came back from his encounter with God, he had changed, and people always saw his face differently. Such was the power of the encounter, that he was a new person to them. When the disciples went up the mountain, they too were changed. They looked at Jesus and things would never be the same again. They saw Jesus differently, possibly as the Christ, rather than as simply their special human friend. They were carried into a new existence themselves, both in awe of the divine presence and probably in the way they saw their future.

Jesus' transfiguration narrative is telling of a few things. It reminds us that life has its origins in the creativity of God. Second, it tells us that, since the mountain top and the cloud is suggestive of the realm and dwelling place of God, that Jesus is sent and chosen as the incarnate one who saves the world. The presence of Elijah and Moses – representing law and prophets – who disappear, tells us that Jesus is the one who embodies all that has gone before. When we place our faith in the transfigured one, we connect with the one who is all that we can experience of God in human form. When we open ourselves to things which are transcendent – beyond our neatly boxed faith and into a grander, more glorious God, who walks beside us, we also are changed forever, and the world looks different.

Rev Samuela Sadrata



4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

7:30am

23 March



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1934, Clark Gable defied the usual Hollywood glamour. After winning an Oscar for his role in "It Happened One Night," he didn't keep the golden statuette. He handed it to a child who admired it, telling him that winning the award was what truly mattered. After Gable's passing, the child returned the Oscar to the Gable family, completing a touching circle of admiration and respect.

Even before the iconic "Gone with the Wind" hit the screens in 1939, Clark Gable and Hattie McDaniel shared a bond that transcended Hollywood norms. Gable, impressed by McDaniel's talent and presence, advocated for her to play the pivotal role of "Mammy." Despite objections, McDaniel's powerful audition secured her the role, making history as the first African-American to win an Academy Award.



But the road to recognition wasn't easy. As the premiere approached, segregation threatened to keep McDaniel from attending. Outraged by the injustice, Gable stood firm, refusing to attend unless she was welcomed as an equal. His stance echoed loudly in Hollywood and beyond, marking a pivotal moment in the industry's journey towards equality.

Amidst the glitz and tragedy of Hollywood, Clark Gable's personal life was marked by profound loss and resilience. After his beloved wife, Carole Lombard, tragically died in a plane crash, Gable found solace in service. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, rising to the rank of major and using his talents as a combat cameraman. His wartime journey took him from grief to duty, a testament to his strength and commitment. Exploring Clark Gable's life, uncovers layers of courage, compassion, and conviction that shaped both his career and legacy. From Oscars to wartime service, his story resonates with themes of integrity and perseverance. ~ unknown



At 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), (a Jewish Austrian Czech novels) who never married and had no children, was walking through a park one day in

Berlin when he met a girl who was crying because she had lost her favourite doll.

She and Kafka searched for the doll unsuccessfully. Kafka told her to meet him there the next day and they would come back to look for her.

The next day, when they had not yet found the doll, Kafka gave the girl a letter "written" by the doll saying "please don't cry. I took a trip to see the world. I will write to you about my adventures."

Thus began a story which continued until the end of Kafka's life.

During their meetings, Kafka read the letters of the doll carefully written with adventures and conversations that the girl found adorable.

Finally, Kafka brought back the doll (he bought a new one) that had returned to Berlin.

"It doesn't look like my doll at all," said the girl. Kafka handed her another letter in which the doll wrote: "my travels have changed me."

The little girl hugged the new doll and brought the doll with her to her happy home. A year later Kafka died...

Many years later, the now-adult, girl found a letter inside the doll. In the tiny letter signed by Kafka it was written:

"Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way." ~ goodnet

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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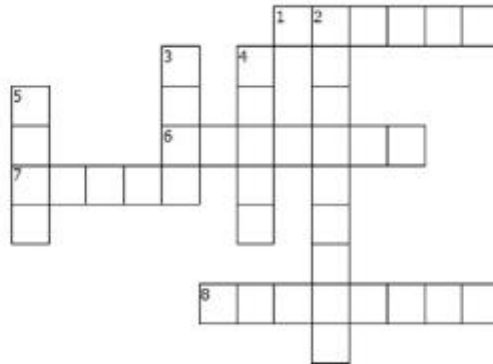


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The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
6. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. The opposite of being asleep
8. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

DOWN

2. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
4. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
5. To speak to God

MOUNTAIN	FACE	LIGHTNING	AWAKE
PRAY	CLOTHES	SLEEPY	CLOUD

D Y G M S T A L K I N G I M J
 L E N U O E U S G S F P E F O
 A T S C S U E M E D T C P A H
 B E K E H M N L L W A G M P N
 J R S J A A P T G F C U J P I
 K O I J I I N N A R G O T E I
 M V N G C Z I G J I K P G A B
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 R I I W T T I Y T D J F U E C
 A D D H D V R M K P E L G D H
 Y E G U H X A F N E K A V E O
 W I O D E P X Q B T W S O J S
 L L R V E T R R F E E H I Z E
 C C L O T H E S H R E E C X N
 C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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