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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Once in a while we stand on the threshold of a choice that will forever affect our future. We know that if we choose to go ahead with the option presented, there will be no going back. Jesus is the only one in this gospel who appreciates this reality. The disciples, who haven't a clue, want to stop time and stay where they are. But Jesus chooses to go forward, and if the disciples want to be part of his future they also must go along into the unknown. As the group descends the mountain, they are grateful they have been told to be quiet about what happened. It will take Pentecost before they are ready to speak. Let us descend with them as we go deeper into this Lent.

Lk. 9:28-36

28 About **eight days** after Jesus said this, he took **Peter, John** and **James** with him and went up onto a **mountain to pray**. 29 As he was **praying**, the appearance of his **face changed**, and his clothes became as **bright as a**

flash of lightning. 30 Two men, **Moses** and **Elijah**, 31 appeared in **glorious splendor**, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his **departure**, which he was about to bring to **fulfillment** at Jerusalem. 32 **Peter** and his companions were **very sleepy**, but when they became **fully awake**, they saw his **glory** and the **two men** standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, **Peter** said to him, "Master, **it is good for us to be here**. Let us put up **three shelters**--one for you, one for **Moses** and one for **Elijah**." (**He did not know what he was saying**.) 34 While he was speaking, a **cloud** appeared and **enveloped them**, and they were **afraid** as they entered the **cloud**. 35 A **voice** came from the **cloud**, saying, "**This is my Son**, whom I have chosen; **listen to him**." 36 When the **voice** had spoken, they found that Jesus was **alone**. The disciples **kept this to themselves**, and **told no one** at that time what they had **seen**.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Jesus hears: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." What have you "heard" from Jesus lately that has helped you understand the Father better?

PRAYER: Master Jesus, it is indeed good for me to be here. Here with you as you go before me into God's future hopes for me. Like the disciples in this gospel reading, I have only a glimpse of what that might mean, so I am reluctant to talk about it now. But like them, I trust that if I stay close to you I will arrive at where I am supposed to be; with you. Amen.

The Journey

Where are you going i asked / to places i have never been / was the answer / what do you plan to do i asked / my purpose will be evident at journey's end / who has planned your itinerary i asked / its plan will be revealed at times most unlikely / why would you consent to such a vague plan i said / i accepted the challenge / when I accepted life was the answer Mary Elanor Rice Page 135

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