

Reflection Saturday Week 6 – 2022

The transfiguration of Jesus shows us how easy it is to misunderstand people and fail to appreciate their hidden riches. We need to stand back from people and, in the silence, ask what are the true riches of the person or people in front of us, knowing that we will still fall short. Peter responded to the transfiguration by wanting to secure the experience with a shrine that would capture and keep the essence of his experience. It is like taking a photograph of a breath-taking scenic view that transports you out of yourself into a sense of the divine but finding out later that the photo fails to carry any real sense of the experience you had. Why? Because God lives only in the present, not in the past.

He Is There (Yasemin Raymondo)

God comes to us in quiet and simple ways.

He is there when the breeze rustles the palm fronds on a quiet, lazy, sunny afternoon.

When the raindrops softly patter on the thirsty tin roofs of the poor, he is there.

Look for him behind the laughing eyes of a child,

or smell him in blossoming jasmine flowers

on a clear and starry moonlit night.

He is there in a baby's first cry

and in the dying man's last sigh.

When the waves break on the golden sands

and the seagulls fly into the white clouds,

and when the church bells ring on an Easter Sunday.

Taste him when you bite into the yellow ripeness of a mango

or when you quench your thirst with sweet water of a coconut.

God comes to us only in quiet and simple ways.

Never his presence in violence will you find;

never look for him in words of anger or cowardly actions.

His love and his peace surround us, above and beyond.

Only in those simple, everyday things

when we look with our eyes filled with his love

can we find him.