

NICENE Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

<This Week>

9/15 **Service I** 9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
Service II 11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)

9/20 **PAWS** 20:00-21:00

<Coming Week>

9/22 **Service I** 9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
Service II 11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)
Onigiri Cafe (Lunch Service)

9/27 **PAWS** 20:00-21:00

<Next Communion> **10/6 10:30**

<Meetings> (For more info and schedule, please talk to the leaders)

- ❖ **Mini-Church** (Small gathering with a friendly and warm atmosphere)
- ❖ **New Life Class** (First Step to follower's life)
- ❖ **Covenant Class** (Membership Class)

<Offering> Our operating cost is covered by members' spontaneous offerings.

We believe that offering is a part of worship and it's a responsibility of each believer (Malachi 3:10). It also says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:6-7)." We don't pass around the offering basket since we don't want anyone who is not able to give for some reason to feel pressure or awkward (especially for visitors). We also would like everyone to do it spontaneously. Please put the offerings in the box on the counter.

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September 15, 2019 (Mark 9:2-13)

Both Ups and Downs with Jesus Mari Ikeda

A. The mountaintop experience (2-8)

B. On the way down (9-13)

C. We only follow Jesus both at the mountaintops and on the-way-downs

Summary

God knows that we need the experience of feeling His presence real. But that kind of sensuous, supernatural experience is inadequate. We need to meet Jesus, who died on the Cross and rose again, in order to understand who God really is. Although we repeat the cycle of understanding and not understanding, suffering and rejoicing, one after another, Jesus is with us wherever we may be in the cycle. He is the one and only reliable guide.

For Discussion

- 1) Share your mountaintop experience, when you could feel God's presence real.
- 2) Why can't we understand who God truly is, unless we meet Jesus of the Cross and the resurrection?

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant. 11 And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" 12 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? 13 But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him." continually.

2019/9/15 (マルコ 9:2-13)

上りも下りもイエス様と

池田真理

A. 山の上の経験 (2-8)

B. 下り道(9-13)

C. 山の上でも下り道でも、イエス様についていだけ

メッセージのポイント

神様は私たちが「神様は本当におられる」と感じられる経験が必要だと知っています。でも、そういう感覚的な不思議な経験だけでは不十分です。神様がどういふ方かを実際に知るためには、十字架で死なれ、復活されたイエス様に出会うことが必要です。私たちは、分かったようで分からなくなり、喜んだ次には苦しむということを繰り返しますが、そのどこにいても、イエス様は共におられ、唯一の確かな道しるべです。

話し合いのために

- 1) 山の上の経験(神様はおられると感じられた経験)をシェアしてください。
- 2) なぜ十字架と復活のイエス様に出会わなければ、神様がどういふ方か分からないのでしょうか？

2 六日の後、イエスは、ただペトロ、ヤコブ、ヨハネだけを連れて、高い山に登られた。すると、彼らの目の前でイエスの姿が変わり、3 衣は真っ白に輝いた。それは、この世のどんなさらし職人の腕も及ばぬほどだった。4 エリヤがモーセと共に現れて、イエスと語り合っていた。5 ペトロが口を挟んでイエスに言った。「先生、私たちがここにいるのは、素晴らしいことです。幕屋を三つ建てましょう。一つはあなたのため、一つはモーセのため、もう一つはエリヤのためです。」6 ペトロは、どう言えばよいか分からなかった。弟子たちは非常に恐れていたのである。7 すると、雲が現れて彼らを覆い、雲の中から声がした。「これはわたしの愛する子。これに聞け。」8 弟子たちは急いで辺りを見回したが、もはや誰も見えず、イエスだけが彼らと一緒におられた。

9 一同が山を下っているとき、イエスは、「人の子が死者の中から復活するまで、今見たことを誰にも話してはならない」と弟子たちに命じられた。10 彼らはこの言葉を心に留めて、死者の中から復活するとはどういうことかと論じ合った。11 そして、イエスに、「なぜ、律法学者は、まずエリヤが来るはずだと言っているのでしょうか」と尋ねた。12 イエスは言われた。「確かに、まずエリヤが来て、すべてを建て直す。では、人の子については、どのように書いてあるか。多くの苦しみを受け、蔑まれるとある。13 しかし、言っておく。エリヤはすでに来たのだ。そして、彼について書いてあるとおり、人々は好きなようにあしらったのである。」