

The Adopted Life

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Don't Be Afraid

Matthew tells us that when the Trinity was revealed to them on the Mount of the Transfiguration the disciples “fell facedown on the ground, terrified” (Matt. 17:6.) This moment is humorously pictured in the icon on page 1. As Tim says in his article, the bigness of God can scare us and, as John points out in his article on this week's texts from the Psalms, we are always mindful of the massive gap in power between us and the Triune Creator of all things.

That's why Matthew 17:7 is such an important part of the Transfiguration. Jesus touched the disciples and said “Don't be afraid.” That's who Jesus is: the Son of the Father revealing from within the majestic glory of God that we have nothing to fear from the Father who has adopted us and the Holy Spirit whose very self is love and joy.

~ Jonathan Stepp