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Q&A

Where were Jesus and the Apostles traveling? What were the Apostles arguing about? Read more about it in Mark 9

A Good News Story

Who is the Greatest?

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Jesus was traveling around Galilee with His Apostles. At one point, He asked Peter, James and John to come with Him up a high mountain.

Once they were on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly changed. His clothes became a dazzling white, and Elijah and Moses appeared to speak with Him. A cloud came and cast a shadow over everyone, and a voice could be heard saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

Just as suddenly, the cloud, Elijah and Moses were gone. Jesus told them to say nothing of what they saw until the Son of Man rose from the dead.

After they came down the mountain, Jesus healed a boy who was possessed by a demon. Then the friends continued their journey.

Along the way, Jesus explained that "the Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will



Bible Trivia

What did Peter want to make for Jesus, Elijah and Moses? (Hint: Mark 9:5)

Answer: Tents

rise." But the Apostles didn't understand and were afraid to ask questions.

As they neared Capernaum, the Apostles began to argue with one another. When they reached their destination, Jesus asked what they were fighting about.

The Apostles looked at one another sheepishly and were silent, because they had been arguing about which one of

them was the greatest.

But, of course, Jesus already knew what they had been saying. He called his friends to Him.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explained.

He then brought a child into their midst.

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me," He said.

John then told Jesus something that the Apostles had done.

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us," John said.

Jesus told his friends that the person should have been allowed to drive out demons.

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us," Jesus said.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Join Bishop Malloy in Praying the Rosary

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also Respect Life Month.



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld)

Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.

the rosary is a school of faith!"

Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese has recorded each decade. To say the rosary with him, ask an adult

Saying a decade of the rosary after school this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.

Pope Francis wants us to say the rosary. He said, "Let us join spiritually together in this act of trust in our Mother, and let us receive from her hands the crown of the rosary. The rosary is a school of prayer,

to help you go to the website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray it.

Most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be easy to follow.

A decade is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Joyful Mysteries The Annunciation Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. | The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered. | The Nativity Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem. | The Presentation in the Temple Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God. | The Finding in the Temple Jesus is found in the Temple discussing His faith with the teachers. |
| Luminous Mysteries The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son. | The Wedding Feast at Cana At Mary's request, Jesus performs His first miracle. | Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom. | The Transfiguration Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John. | The Institution of the Eucharist Jesus offers His Body and Blood at the Last Supper |
| Sorrowful Mysteries The Agony in the Garden Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before He dies. | The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is lashed with whips | The Crowning with Thorns Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns | The Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify Him. | The Crucifixion Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies. |
| Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection God the Father raises Jesus from the dead. | The Ascension Jesus returns to His Father in heaven. | The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples. | The Assumption At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven. | The Coronation of Mary Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. |

Rosary reflections are from <http://www.loyolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.36TcB2UE.dpbs>

Four groups of five mysteries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus's life.

October starts on a

Monday this year, so you may start with the Joyful Mystery about the Annunciation and continue to say a decade Monday through Friday, as shown in the

chart (above).

Think about each mystery as you pray it.

When you finish, start over and you'll be on your way to a new prayer habit.