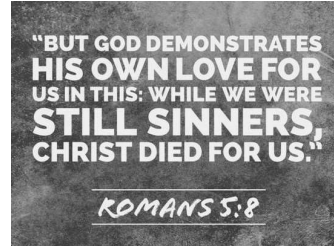


# Weekly Reflection

This is a week the Christian Church has traditionally thought about the event of Jesus' transfiguration. Matthew, Mark and Luke all give witness to this event. The climax of this comes when God the Father speaks from out of a cloud and gives witness to who Jesus is. God is speaking as much for Jesus' disciples as for Jesus himself, especially when he concludes by saying, "Listen to Jesus!" This is about as simple a summary as any of us who want to follow Jesus could hope for. Want to be a disciple of Jesus? Listen to him! Ah, but that isn't so simple, is it? One summer in college I had a job in sales. At one of our meetings we were introduced to an individual who had great success selling our product and had made a lot of money in the process. "Listen to everything this guy says," is what we were told. I did listen – some. There were some things I decided I wanted to do differently, or that I thought would work better. Here's how that turned out – they didn't work better. I've found following Jesus to have similar challenges – maybe you have too. It can be easy to listen to some of what Jesus tells us, but other times, I think I might know better or have a better way. On paper this is ridiculous, after all Jesus is God, how can I know better? But this is the struggle with ourselves we deal with every day. Also, some of what Jesus tells us to do is really challenging or even sounds a little impossible! Nevertheless, God calls us to listen to Jesus so we can be who he created us to be, and know the joy and life he created us for. Our Scripture readings for the rest of this week all are things Jesus tells his disciples to do/be as they follow him. Now is as good a time as any for a closer listen to Jesus.



## Scripture

**Sunday:**  
[Romans 5:8](#)

**Monday:**  
[Matthew 5:14-16](#)

**Tuesday:**  
[Matthew 5:43-47](#)

**Wednesday:**  
[Matthew 6:31-33](#)

**Thursday:**  
[Matthew 16:24-25](#)

**Friday:**  
[Matthew 28:19-20](#)

**Saturday:**  
[Mark 5:35-36](#)

## Weekly Activity

Jesus calls us to deny self, take up our cross and follow him. The season of Lent begins this week, name and fast from something you need to deny to yourself so you can better follow Jesus.





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