

Second Sunday Lent 2026

“And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no-one, but Jesus only”

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I simply love the ridiculous irony of this line from the Gospel

They saw no-one but only Jesus

They saw no-one but only the creator of the stars and sky

They saw no-one but only the second person of the Holy Trinity

They saw no-one but only God made man.

Blindness

Lack of real vision

In-ability to see beyond your present understanding

What is it that creates blindness in you?

What is it that limits your vision?

What is it that blocks your mind from seeing further

Tiredness

Weary bones create weary minds

Reaching beyond the present struggle and confronting a self-made obstacle

Incapable of recognising alternatives which involve choice

Choice which means effort

Effort which means pain

Pain which defeats the will

To see that there is no need for this fear

To let go

To rest

Then seek another way

“They saw no-one but Jesus only”

Time

To many events undermines all that can be done

Reaching beyond the present appointments and confronting a self-made obstacle of the impossible

Incapable of seeing the unnecessary

Recognising time, is to recognise limitations

Limitation implies the humility of my humanity

Identifying that I cannot do all things

To see what I can do well without this fear

To let go

To rest

Then seek another way

“They saw no-one but Jesus only”

Arrogance

Narrow perception misses so much

Comfortable vision looks no further than safety

Seeing it different means I can be wrong

Being wrong means I may need to face a challenge

That I may need to let go of the defences

To allow myself to live without the illusion of certainty

To see that there is no need for fear

To let go

To rest

Then seek another way

“They saw no-one but Jesus only”

The apostles had a fantastic blindness

Without the energy to see the Christ

Without the time to deal with their fear

Without the humility to recognise their limitations

So when they looked up they saw no one but Jesus only.