Last Sunday after Epiphany

Year B, February 11, 2024

Saint John’s Episcopal Church

Lessons

2 King 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

The Goat

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“he ordered them to tell no one about what had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.”

In the Name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1. Allen Iverson's speech when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.
* The most iconic moment of his speech was when he explained who the most important role model of his life is and why. MJ.
* He said people want to be like Magic, Bird, etc... However, man, “I want to be like Mike.”
* He said, “For the first time in his life, somebody doesn’t look at me as human.”
* What Iverson tried to say or highlight is the greatness of Jordan.
1. Somehow, today's Gospel is like that.
* There are many characters mentioned in the story.
* Most of them are somehow great, including Jesus’s disciples.
* However, the only one that is the Goat is JC, not MJ.
* The voice of God, not Iverson, confirms who the Goat is.
1. But why is JC the Goat?
* This is the most challenging part of the story, and people do not get it.
* JC gives a clue as to why it is the greatness of all time.
* Because facing all the powers that oppress the Human being life will cause his death.
* The kingdom of Satan did everything to take him away from this world, and he did it.
* The powers of this world put away JC. (Oppression, injustice, prejudice, political powers). A conspiracy between Religion and politics put away the goat.
* But, on the third day, He was raised from death.
* In other words, the Conspirators, the Kingdom of Satan, did not have power over him.
1. The kingdom of JC. The only Kingdom. This is a Kingdom…that promotes:
* The radical love for those excluded
* And is Against Racism, Prejudice, Divisions and Violence
* More critical, this Goat and kingdom have an altar.
* The Greatness of the JC and his altar is that everybody is invited to participate.
1. Lent…
* In a few days, we will engage in a season of reflection.
* It will be challenging to reflect on who my goat is and Why.

AMEN.