

Ongoing Revelation Second Week of Advent Saturday, December 13, 2014 8:15 AM
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; **Mt 17:9a, 10-13** St. Lucy, virgin, martyr (Is this a pattern whereby people take something from God and cut it down to size, shave it, narrow it, make it more acceptable to them, thereby making the box they live in so small other people can't fit?)

“Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.”

Indeed in Scripture we find that the prophecies are fulfilled, but not in the ways that anyone really anticipated. For this reason in a sense to see prophecy fulfilled itself is a revelation. Revelation has to be ongoing. **We have to attach ourselves to this ongoing revelation of God's plan for salvation, otherwise we will miss it.** That's what happened here. Here were people, scribes, Pharisees, holy men trying to live the life of Torah as they understood it, but ignoring what they didn't understand, shutting out, cutting down, narrowing the door. Was this God's work? No, it was their work.

The **Judaism of Jesus' day** was fractured into many different groups and sects. They weren't simply different points of view; they **looked at each other as wrong.** That's the sad thing. In the midst of all this God sends his only begotten Son. That in a way united Judaism against him, save for a small group. **Is this a pattern whereby people take something from God and cut it down to size, shave it, narrow it, make it more acceptable to them, thereby making the box they live in so small other people can't fit?**

“Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you Elijah has already come, but they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased.”