

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*18<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Transfiguration of the Lord.*

*Readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm: 97; Luke 9:28b-36.*

Jesus identifies himself with the subversive resistance to foreign powers by calling himself 'son of man'. The title in Daniel signifies the triumph of the resistance to the Syro/Greek oppressors of Israel two centuries before the time of Jesus. It is not a grand title like 'messiah' or 'king', not even priest or prophet. It rather identifies with humanity as a whole. Christianity will certainly see all the qualities present in all these figures in Jesus as the Christ. Jesus though is very careful in just how he reveals himself. His revelation is that of servant, not of power or control. The Father says in the Baptism of Jesus and again today in the Transfiguration that this is his Son. In this revelation Jesus fulfils the roles of Moses and Elijah, priest and prophet. As Peter says, only Jesus was left, but it is a revelation of what the 'Son of Man' means, only fully revealed after Jesus rises from the dead.