

In the Transfiguration, Jesus shows Peter, James, and John, in advance, the glory he will merit through his passion.

Moses and Elijah, who appear talking with Jesus, are the two most prominent representatives of the Old Testament, of the Law and the Prophets.

Tradition has drawn two lessons from this: on the one hand, that Jesus is the center of revelation for “all of Holy Scripture is one book, and this one book is Christ, for all of Holy Scripture speaks of Christ and is fulfilled in Him” (Hugh of St. Victor); on the other, that the books of the Old Testament are necessary for understanding Jesus Christ, for “if, as the apostle Paul says, Christ is the power and wisdom of God, and someone who has not read the Holy Scriptures does not know the power and wisdom of God, it follows that ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (St. Jerome).

This is why the Church invites the faithful to read Sacred Scripture every day. In fact, a partial indulgence is granted to those who read from Sacred Scripture with “the veneration which the divine word is due,” while a plenary indulgence is granted “to those who read for at least one half an hour” (*The Enchiridion of Indulgences*).

Perhaps this Lent we can grow in our devotion to Sacred Scripture, reading it every day and making it a greater part of our lives. In so doing, we are sure to come to a greater knowledge of Christ.

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