



Sunday Scripture Reflection

The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the moment when Christ allowed Peter, James, and John to behold the glory that was always His by nature as the eternal Son of the Father. As recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, His face shone, and His garments became radiant, revealing not a new dignity received, but the divine glory veiled in His humanity.

Moses and Elijah, men recorded to have seen God during their earthly lives, appear beside Him. Moses signifies the Law, given by God to Israel; Elijah signifies the Prophets, who called the people to fidelity and foretold the Messiah. Together they represent the Law and the Prophets — the entirety of the Old Covenant. Their presence proclaims that Jesus does not abolish the Law, but fulfills it perfectly, bringing the promises to completion.

Luke tells us they spoke of His “exodus,” the departure He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. As Moses led Israel from slavery in Egypt, so Christ, through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, leads humanity from slavery to sin and death into the freedom of divine life. Elijah, who encountered God on Horeb and was taken up by divine power, stands as witness that the prophets pointed toward this saving mystery.

When the Father commands, “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him,” He establishes Christ as the definitive revelation. The Transfiguration reveals the unity of Scripture, the fulfillment of salvation history, and calls us — anointed at Baptism as priest, prophet, and king — to live in fidelity to God’s Law and to bear witness to Christ before the world.