

LESSON 1

THE LAMB'S SUPPER



PART I

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A STUDY OF THE HOLY BIBLE AND THE HOLY MASS



Liturgy is an essential element of the Scriptures. It is central to the Bible's story. That's true of both the Old Testament and the New.

The books of the Bible were written to be proclaimed when God's people gathered for ritual public worship. Many of the Scriptures include instructions about such worship—how to prepare for it and how to conduct it.

The New Testament liturgy, especially the Eucharist, was promised in the Old Testament. It was anticipated, prefigured, foreshadowed. And it was fulfilled by Jesus in his Sacred Passion.

In this series we'll study God's plan as it is expressed, in an integral way, through the Bible and the liturgy. We'll study the related issues of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament. We'll read deeply in Books

ranging from Genesis to Revelation, searching out their liturgical content and context and exploring their relevance to Christian life in our time.

WHAT WE'LL COVER IN LESSON 1

THEMES COVERED

- The meaning of the disciples' encounter with Jesus on their journey to Emmaus
- The typological relationship between the Old Testament and the New
- The method of scriptural interpretation favored by the early Church Fathers

SCRIPTURE VERSES READ IN LESSON 3

- Luke 24:13–32
- Luke 9:28–36
- Exodus 34:29–33

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How does the story of the road to Emmaus teach us (as it taught the Church Fathers) to read the Bible?
2. Describe some of the parallels between Moses and “the New Moses.”
3. At what point as a pastor did Dr. Hahn realize he was merely “playing church”?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Name some New Testament events or characters that are prefigured in the Old Testament. Have you noticed that the lectionary often arranges readings this way for Mass: first the Old Testament foreshadowing and then the New Testament fulfillment? Why do you think God arranged history to unfold this way?
2. St. Paul said that Adam “was a type” of Jesus, “the one who was to come” (Rom 5:14). In what ways did Adam foreshadow the Lord? In what ways did Moses? In what ways did Solomon?
3. Some Christians refuse to read the Bible typologically. They say it imposes unintended meanings on the ancient texts. What is lost when people reject this method that was used by the early Fathers, not to mention Jesus and the Apostles?

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THIS LESSON'S MEMORY VERSE

“Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

— LUKE 24:32 —

PREPARATION FOR LESSON 2

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1085, 1090, 2642
- Pope St. John Paul II, Encyclical Letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* 19