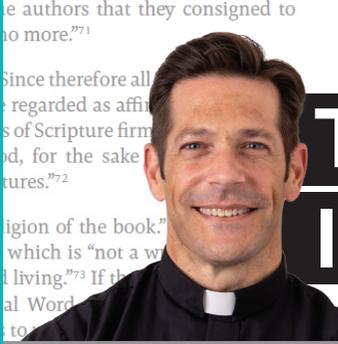


Week 12

Paragraphs 547–594



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What We Believe PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS DIVINITY

Jesus did not claim to be merely a prophet or holy person; Jesus claimed *to be God*. Three possibilities exist: Jesus was a liar, a lunatic disconnected from reality, or who he claimed to be—the Lord. Jesus’ miracles, authority, Passion, and Resurrection reveal he *is* God, the Messiah who saves us from sin. Jesus’ life reveals his divinity and shows us how to live as God’s people. He fulfills the entire law and covenant. He walked the path of obedience before us and walks with us now so that, through the Holy Spirit, we are never alone. We enter into the mysteries of Jesus’ life until we conform ourselves fully to him. It is the work of a lifetime.

Keep in Mind

- Jesus fulfills everything in the Old Testament, God’s covenant with the Jewish people, and God’s Law.
- Jesus’ transfiguration shows us a glimpse of our destiny for the glory of heaven. It also reveals that Jesus’ identity and mission include suffering. Thus, so do ours.
- Salvation is being saved from hell *and* from being un-Christlike. Through the grace of the sacraments, we conform ourselves to Christ.
- Jesus’ hidden (young) life in Nazareth is our model for becoming saints through obedience, family, and work.
- We can meditate on Jesus’ life by reading the Gospels and praying the Rosary.
- As the author of the Law, Jesus has definitive authority to interpret it—an authority validated and verified by his works.
- Jesus does not abolish the Law. He fulfills it. Certain governance laws ceased because their original context stopped existing. Moral laws remain absolute, true, and binding for our actions and hearts.
- Jesus also fulfilled the Temple, the Israelites’ primary place of worship and the only place where Jews could offer sacrifice to God.



The Transfiguration
by Raffaello Sanzio (1520)

Dive Deeper

This painting of Christ’s transfiguration depicts him with Moses and Elijah, since Christ fulfills both the Law and the Prophets. Peter, James, and John are awestruck by Jesus’ divine radiance (see CCC 554–556).

Ask God to help you become a reflection of Christ’s obedience and love.

- The night before he died, Jesus instituted a new, eternal kind of worship and covenant.
- At the Last Supper, he said, “Take, eat; this is my body ... Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:26–28). “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19).
- Jesus caused scandal by inviting people to faith and belief in him as author of salvation and the universe, just as God had invited faith and belief in himself in the Old Covenant.
- By his signs, wonders, healings, and forgiveness of sins, Jesus demonstrates he is who he says he is—God himself.
- Ultimately, we see that Jesus is God in the Resurrection.

Use the space below to reflect on this week's content.

Take It to Prayer

God our Father, let gratitude mark our lives. As we enter into your mysteries, help us to know and walk in them. As Jesus was obedient, help us to be obedient. As you love all of humanity, even those who appear to be unlovable, help us to do likewise. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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