## Introduction

THE BOOK OF SIGNS: READING THE SACRAMENTS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL WEEK 1

## The Gospel of John

Composed between A.D. 60 and 120 The "disciple whom Jesus loved" (21:20) Son of Zebedee? Other disciple? Symbolic figure? Compiler of tradition?





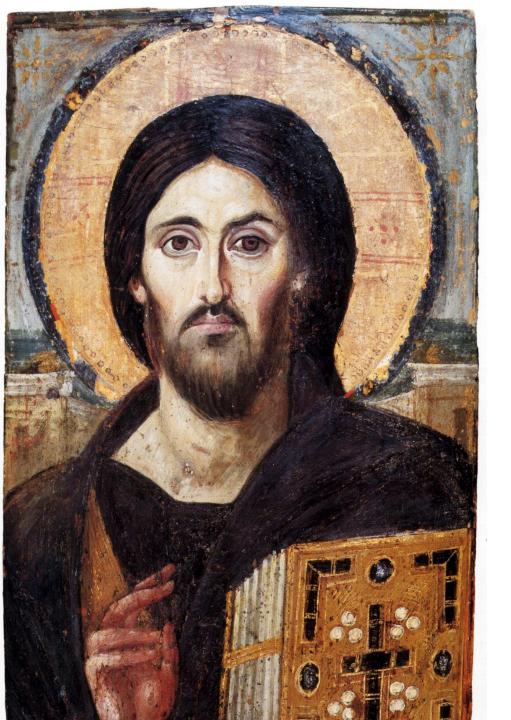
#### The Book of Signs

Chapters 1-12 Revelation of Jesus's identity Belief or unbelief John 1:1-14

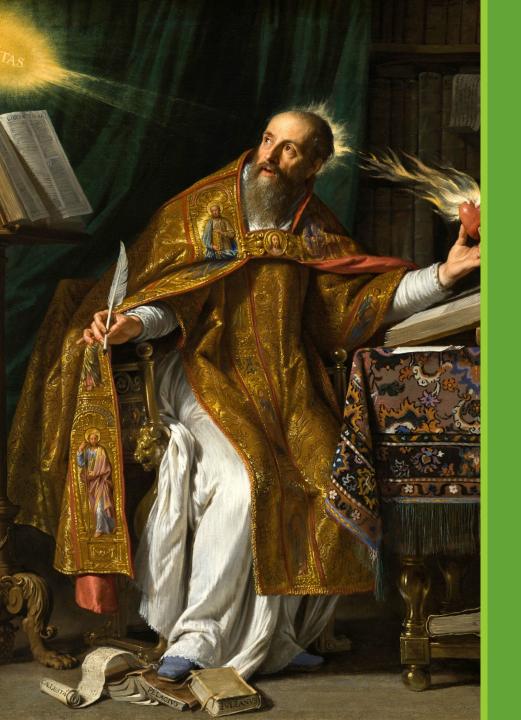


#### The Seven Signs

- 1. Transforming water to wine (2:1-11)
- 2. Healing of the official's son (4:46-54)
- 3. Healing of the paralytic (5:1-9)
- 4. Multiplication of the loaves (6:1-14)
- Giving sight to the man born blind (9:1-41)
- 6. Raising of Lazarus (11:17-44)
- 7. Resurrection of Jesus (20:11-23)



## Biblical Typology



"The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New."

Saint Augustine

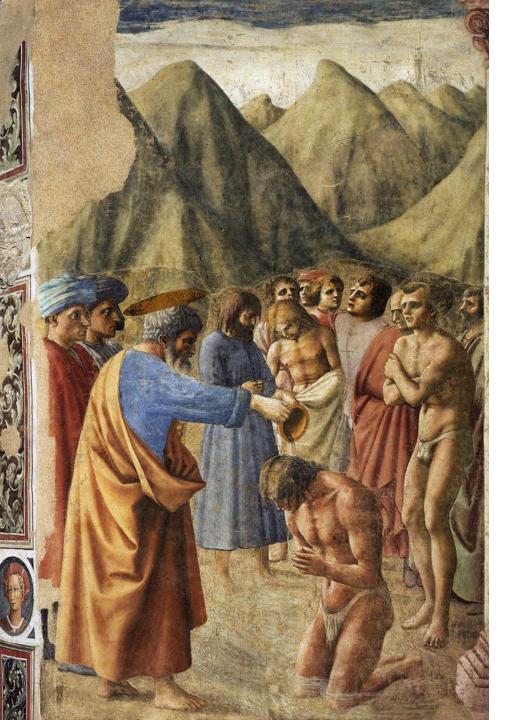
# Luke 2:41-51

### The Sacraments

## What is a sacrament?

"The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us." CCC 1131





#### Baptism

Matter: Water (immersion or pouring over head) Form: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Effects:

Forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins Birth into new life as adoptive son or daughter of the Father, member of Christ, and temple of the Holy Spirit

Incorporation into Church and made sharer Christ's priesthood



#### Confirmation

Matter: Anointing the forehead with chrism and laying on of the minister's hands Form: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Effect: Perfection of baptismal grace



#### Eucharist

Matter: Wheat bread & grape wine Form: Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration from the institution narrative Effects:

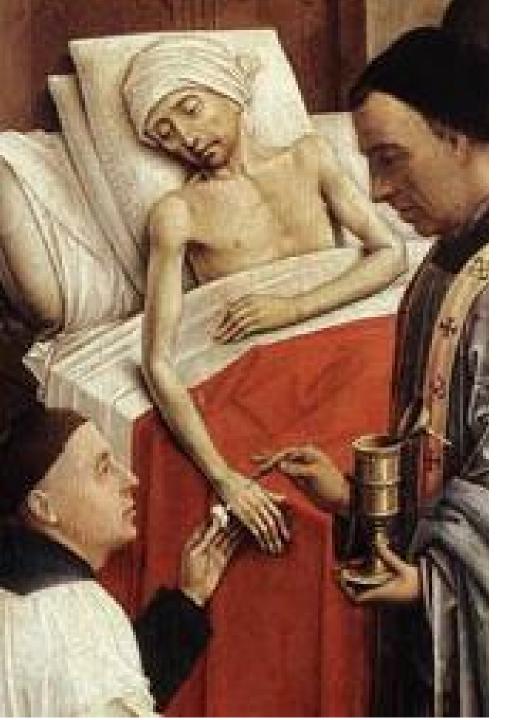
Increased union with Christ Forgiveness of venial sins Preservation from grave sins Strengthened bonds of charity with Christ and the Church



#### Reconciliation

Matter: Audible confession of sins and intention to reform Form: Prayer of absolution Effects:

- Reconciliation with God and recovery of grace
- Reconciliation with the Church
- Remission of eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins
- Remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments Peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation
- Increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle



#### Anointing of the Sick

Matter: Anointing of the forehead and hands Form: Liturgical prayer over the sick person Effects:

Union of the sick person to Christ's passion

Strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age

Forgiveness of sins if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Reconciliation

Restoration of health if conducive to the salvation of the sick person's soul

Preparation for passing over to eternal life



#### Holy Orders

Matter: Laying on of the bishop's hands Form: Prayer of consecration Effect: Configuration to Christ for the service of the Church



#### Matrimony

Matter: Mutual consent of the bride and groom Form: Vows Consummated by the marital act

Effects:

Grace needed to perfect love and strengthen the indissoluble unity of the couple Ability to assist one another in attaining holiness of life and in welcoming and educating children