

Thursday 4th of Lent

Gospel text (Jn 5,31-47): Jesus said to the Jews: «If I bore witness to myself, my testimony would be worthless. But Another One is bearing witness to me (...). You search in the Scriptures thinking that in them you will find life; yet Scripture bears witness to me (...). Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father. Moses himself in whom you placed your hope, ¬accuses you. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?».».

The Fourth Gospel is based on the Old Testament

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Today, in self-defense of Jesus to the Jews, appears one of the Fourth Gospel's peculiarities: John refers entirely on the Old Testament. “[Moses] wrote about me” (Jn 5:46), Jesus says to his opponents; Philip told Nathanael: “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and the Prophets” (Jn 1:45).

The relationship between Jesus and Moses appears programmatically, especially at the end of the Preface: “God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (Jn 1:16-18). The prophecy —the great promise— of Moses (“God will raise up a prophet like me; you shall listen to him”) has been more than fulfilled in an overflowing way just the way God is accustomed to give.

—Who has come is more than Moses, is more than a prophet. He is the Son and now the Son Himself will be “raised”. It became apparent the signs of grace and truth, not as destruction, but as an observance of the Law.