

John the Baptist-Precursor
Gospel Reading for December 10, 2016
With Divine Will Truths
Saint Matthew 17:10-13

As they were coming down from the mountain, the disciples asked Jesus, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

He said in reply, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

IV. The Spirit of Christ in the Fullness of Time

John, precursor, prophet, and baptist

718 John is "Elijah [who] must come."⁹² The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of "[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord."⁹³
719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet."⁹⁴ In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah.⁹⁵

Article3 GUIDES FOR PRAYER

A cloud of witnesses

2684 In the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the churches. The personal charism of some witnesses to God's love for men has been handed on, like "the spirit" of Elijah to Elisha and John the Baptist, so that their followers may have a share in this spirit.⁴³

From the Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will

Meditation 1

...After many days of travel, finally I (Blessed Mother) arrived in Judea, and I hastened to the house of Elisabeth. She came toward Me in feast. At the greeting I gave her, marvelous phenomena occurred. My little Jesus exulted in My Womb, and fixing little John in the womb of his mother with the Rays of His Divinity, He

Sanctified him, gave him the use of Reason, and made Known to him that He was the Son of God. And John leaped so vigorously with Love and with Joy that Elisabeth was shaken.

... Who can ever tell you how much good My visit brought to Elisabeth, to John, and to their whole household? Everyone was sanctified, filled with gladness, felt unusual joys, and comprehended things unheard-of. John, in particular, received all the Graces which were necessary for him, to prepare himself to be the Precursor of My Son...”

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