

THE BIBLE and the CHURCH FATHERS

Lesson 9: The Doctrine of the Mysteries

Profiles of the Early Church: St. Ephrem of Syria

Themes Covered

- Art in the Early Church
- Mystagogy
- The Sacramental Foundation
- The Great Teachers of Mystagogy

Scripture in this lesson

- Malachi 1:10-11

Review Questions

1. Define Mystagogy
2. In the Early Church, what did people intending to be baptized learn before Easter? What did they learn after Easter?
3. What is the Discipline of the Secret?

Table Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything in this lesson that you have just heard for the first time?
2. How do you participate in the mysteries of salvation history?
3. Was there a particular piece in this lesson that stood out to you or spoke to you?

Memory Verse for this lesson: Malachi 1:11

From the rising of the sun to its setting, my name is great among the nations; Incense offerings are made to my name everywhere, and a pure offering; For my name is great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Prep for Lesson 10

- Luke 24:13-35
- Ephesians 5:21-33