

SCRIPTURE · READING SCRIPTURE THE ANGLICAN WAY

# Typology: Reading the Shadows

Catechesis Track, Lesson 4 · About 30 min

Paul says the rock that followed Israel in the wilderness was Christ. This lesson teaches the ancient art of typological reading without letting it run wild.

## Shadow and substance

A type is a real historical event or person that also foreshadows something greater to come. Reading typologically does not deny the plain, historical sense of a passage; it reads that history as part of a larger pattern culminating in Christ.

### READ THE SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 | Hebrews 10:1

### FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

#### Collect for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded.”*

### FOR A PARISH SMALL GROUP: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where have you seen a 'type' pointing to Christ before, without knowing the word for it?
2. What guardrails keep typology from becoming pure imagination?