

Symbolon 5 – Who is Jesus?

Catechism Chapter 7

REDEMPTION

Jesus became incarnate, in the flesh, entering His creation.

He shows us how He loved the Father so that we would love the Father that way too.

Christ rose from the dead, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday, the third day after His death.

Christ ascended, body and soul, into heaven.

Jesus assumed human nature without losing his divine nature

Jesus Christ is not part God, part man.

He is truly God and truly man, in the unity of his divine person

Because Jesus is both God and man, he is the one and only mediator between God and man

The Son of God became man in order to save us by reconciling us with God,

so that we might know God's love,
to be our model of holiness, and
to make us partakers of the divine nature

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is one divine person who possesses two natures.

He has a divine nature and a human nature, which are united in the one divine person.

This mystery of Christ is the profound union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Son

Jesus's earthly life reveals his hidden divine Sonship and plan for our salvation.

His parables,

miracles,

sermons, and

wisdom sayings

help us “to see God made visible, and so we are caught up in love of the God we cannot see”.

PARABLES

Jesus taught with authority.

This is particularly impressive when you consider the fact that Jesus' teachings and stories were so simple. We often have the mistaken view that the more intelligent and complex an idea sounds, the more impressive it is. Jesus didn't see it that way.

The parables of Jesus made the wisdom of God accessible. His teaching wasn't pretentious or unnecessarily complicated. And because of that, Jesus made the kingdom of God attainable for everyone.

The Parable of the Wandering Sheep, Matthew 18:12–14

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant Matthew 18:23–31

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1–16

The Parable of the Two Sons Matthew 21:28–32

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats Matthew 25:31–46

The Parable of the Returning Owner Mark 13:34–37

MIRACLES

Dominion over creation

Jesus changed water into wine (John 2:1-11).

Jesus stilled the storm (Matthew 8:23-27).

Jesus caused the fig tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-22).

Stilling the storm Mark 4:35-41

Raising the dead

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46).

Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-18).

Jesus raised the ruler's daughter from the dead (Matthew 9:18-26).

MIRACLES

Feeding

Mark 6:30-44

Jesus fed at least five thousand people (Matthew 14:15-21).

Jesus fed at least four thousand people (Matthew 15:32-39).

The great haul of fishes (Luke 5:1-11).

The second great haul of fishes (John 21:1-14).

MIRACLES

Healing

Luke 5:18-19

Jesus cast out an unclean spirit (Mark 1:23-28).

Jesus healed the centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13).

Jesus cured the nobleman's son (John 4:46-47).

Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever (Mark 1:30-31).

Jesus healed a leper (Mark 1:40-45).

Jesus cured the paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8).

Jesus cured two demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-34).

Jesus healed an invalid man at the pool called Bethesda (John 5:1-9).

Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31).

Jesus cured a woman of an issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48).

MIRACLES

Healing

Jesus loosened the tongue of a man who could not speak (Matthew 9:32-33).

Jesus restored a withered hand (Matthew 12:10-13).

Jesus cured a demon-possessed man (Matthew 12:22).

Jesus healed a woman of Canaan (Matthew 15:22-28).

Jesus cured a deaf and mute man (Mark 7:31-37).

Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man (Mark 8:22-26).

Jesus cured a boy who was plagued by a demon (Matthew 17:14-21).

Jesus opened the eyes of a man born blind (John 9:1-38).

Jesus cured a woman who had been afflicted eighteen years (Luke 13:10-17).

MIRACLES

Healing

Jesus cured a man of dropsy (Luke 14:1-4).

Jesus cleansed ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).

Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 20:30-34).

Jesus restored the ear of the high priest's servant (Luke 22:50-51).

MIRACLES

Resurrection

Luke 24:13-19,

Luke 24:28-32,

John 21:4-14,

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Jesus's Sermons

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7)

Commissioning of the Twelve (Matthew chapter 10)

Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew chapter 13)

Talking of the Church (Matthew chapter 18)

Olivet Discourse (Matthew chapters 23-25)

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 4:13, 14 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 10:11 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.