

Jesus always backed up his words and prophecies about himself with deeds and actions. Here we can see a promise given and fulfilled. see Matthew 26.29 then John 19.28-30

Why is this important for the believer to know.

Read the apostles creed about Jesus again. Does it have a deeper meaning now than it did before? Why?

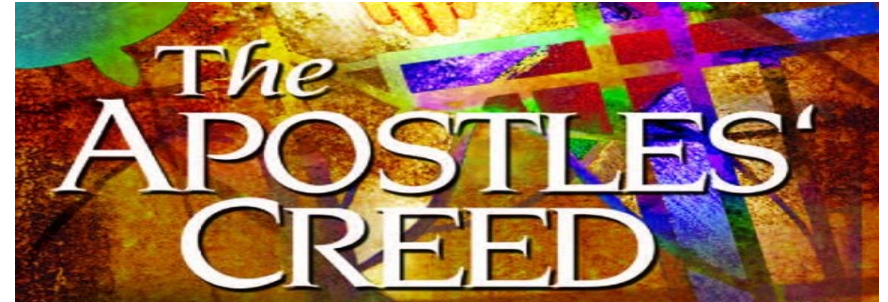
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The Apostles Creed

Lesson THREE

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What the Apostles Creed says of JESUS CHRIST

I BELIEVE IN . . . JESUS CHRIST, [GOD'S] ONLY SON, OUR LORD:
Luke 22.66-71 Why is Jesus' answer here so important to the believer?

Why would believing this statement be an 'all or nothing' proposition?

Romans 1.3-4 Why would the resurrection be seen as proof that Jesus is the Son of God?

Why is the resurrection so important to the believer as they approach God in Jesus' name? Philippians 2.5-11

WHO WAS CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

Luke 1.35 Why is the Holy Spirit's participation important in the divinity of Jesus?

How is it possible for someone to be human and divine?

BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

Luke 1.27 Does it make any difference if Mary was a virgin or if she was just a young girl (maiden)? Explain your answer.

Isaiah 7.14 How does knowing this was an Old Testament prophecy strengthen the validity and importance of the virgin account of Jesus' birth?

Matthew 1.16 How is Jesus related to Joseph the husband of Mary?

Why is Joseph in the lineage of Jesus?

In this coming Judgment will everyone receive the same reward? 1 Corinthians 3.8

What determines what each person will receive? John 14.6 & Matthew 16.27

Does this seem fair to you? Why or why not?

Who did Jesus promise would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom? According to this when did the kingdom come?

What type of kingdom was it.

***24**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **26**What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **27**For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. **28**I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."*

What three requirements does Jesus put on his followers in verse 24? How does each one apply to believer today?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Verse 25 is a paradoxical statement. It seems to contradict logic. How would you explain it to someone who does not understand the teaching of Christ Jesus?

How much is a soul worth according to Jesus? If you lose your soul how much will it cost to get it back?

When Jesus returns what can each person expect? (for more details see Matthew 13.18-23, & 13.37-43)

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,

Matthew 27.17-26 Why is the record of Jesus' suffering and death important to the believer?

1 Peter 2.24 How can the believer view the suffering of Jesus?

Should this be thought of in a physical or Spiritual manner?

WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED.

CRUCIFIED: Mark 15.24 How was a person crucified?

Why was this form of punishment used by the Romans?

Even though Jesus was accused in a Jewish court, why was he executed by the Roman government?

If the Jews had been able to execute Jesus what form would it have taken? John 10.36 & Leviticus 24/23

DIED: Mark 15.37 Who would have been pleased with the death of Jesus? Why?

Why was the death of Jesus necessary? 1 John 4.10

BRUIAL: Matthew 27.57-61 How many witnessed the actual burial of Jesus? Name them.

Deuteronomy 19.15 How does this validate the matter under the laws of God?

Why was it so important to record the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus in such great detail?

HE DESCENDED INTO HELL.

1 Peter 3.18-20 Ephesians 4.8-10

Where is one place Jesus went after He died?

Why were they to keep quiet about Jesus' identity?

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

This is a new teaching from Jesus to his disciples. Why did he choose now to start to share this with them?

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Why did Peter think that this was not going to happen to Jesus?

The word 'satan' means literally an *adversary* or someone who is against you. Knowing this - What is Peter's problem according to Jesus?

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Why did Jesus ask his disciples what others were saying about him?

What had the disciples heard people saying about him?

How did the answer of the disciples differ from what the people were saying?

What three promises did Jesus give to the disciples for their answer?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What did he do there?

How many of these people are listed as having been saved?

What happened to the rest of them? What does physical account teach us about spiritual matters?

THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.

Matthew 16.21 Why is Jesus predicting the three days in the grave so important to what happened?

Mark 14.58 Explain what Jesus is talking about.

Acts 10.40 How was the resurrection accomplished?

1 Corinthians 15.3-8 Why is Paul's account so important in validating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead?

How many are listed as having seen Jesus alive after the resurrection?

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

Luke 24.51 Why is this important?

Why did Jesus go back to heaven instead of setting up an earthly kingdom? John 8.23 & John 18.36

How is Jesus different in heaven than he was here?

Revelation 1.13-16

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
Mark 16.19 & Revelation 22.1-5 How is Jesus current position far beyond anything He could achieve here on earth?

whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
2 Timothy 4.1 Why are both the living and the dead listed here?

John 12.47 What was Jesus' goal while he was here in human form?

John 5.28-30 How does this change for someone who has died?

Matthew 25.46 How are all living divided and judged?

How is the way Jesus approached the judgment when He was alive different from the way He approaches it since the resurrection?

In our search to understand who Jesus is and why he came we can look at many scriptures. The following study is provided to help us think about the matter and discover how we would answer the question he asked his disciples that day so long ago.

MATTHEW 16.13-28

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"**

¹⁴They replied, **"Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

¹⁵**"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"**

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**