

A Walk Through the Catechism

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October 21 - The Incarnation



November 4 - His Life, Mission, and Message

- Passion, Death, and Resurrection

I Believe in Jesus Christ

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no
end.

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Jesus Christ, The Only Son of God, Our Lord



CHRIST'S WHOLE LIFE IS MYSTERY



THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE



THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' PUBLIC LIFE



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561 "The whole of Christ's life was a **continual teaching:** his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world, and his Resurrection are the actualization of his word and the fulfillment of Revelation."

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562 Christ's disciples are **to conform themselves to him until he is formed in them.** "For this reason we, who have been made like to him, who have died with him and risen with him, are taken up into the mysteries of his life, until we reign together with him" (LG 7 # 4).

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE



564 By his **obedience** to Mary and Joseph, as well as by his **humble work** during the long years in Nazareth, Jesus gives us the **example of holiness** in the daily life of family and work.

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' PUBLIC LIFE



565 From the beginning of his public life, at his baptism, Jesus is the "Servant", wholly consecrated to the redemptive work that he will accomplish by the "baptism" of his Passion.



566 The **temptation** in the desert shows Jesus, the humble Messiah, who triumphs over Satan by his total adherence to the plan of salvation willed by the Father.



567 The kingdom of heaven was inaugurated on earth by Christ. "This kingdom shone out before men in the word, in the works and in the presence of Christ" (LG 5). The Church is the seed and beginning of this kingdom. Its keys are entrusted to Peter.

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' PUBLIC LIFE



568 Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory."



569 Jesus went up to Jerusalem voluntarily, knowing well that there he would die a violent death because of the opposition of sinners.



570 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifests the coming of the kingdom that the Messiah-King, welcomed into his city by children and the humble of heart, is going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection.

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' PUBLIC LIFE



592 Jesus did not abolish the Law of Sinai, but rather fulfilled it with such perfection that he revealed its ultimate meaning and redeemed the transgressions against it.



594 Jesus performed acts, such as pardoning sins, that manifested him to be the Saviour God himself. Certain Jews, who did not recognize God made man, saw in him only a man who made himself God, and judged him as a blasphemer.

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' PASSION



619 "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures."



620 Our salvation flows from God's initiative of love for us, because "he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." **"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."**



621 Jesus freely offered himself for our salvation. Beforehand, during the Last Supper, he both symbolized this offering and made it really present: "This is my body which is given for you".



622 The redemption won by Christ consists in this, that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many", that is, he "loved [his own] to the end," so that they might be "ransomed from the futile ways inherited from [their] fathers."



623 By his loving obedience to the Father, "unto death, even death on a cross," Jesus fulfills the atoning mission of the suffering Servant, who will "make many righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities."

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' DEATH



629 To the benefit of every man, Jesus Christ tasted death. It is truly the Son of God made man who died and was buried.



630 During Christ's period in the tomb, his divine person continued to assume both his soul and his body, although they were separated from each other by death. For this reason the dead Christ's body "saw no corruption."

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' DEATH



636 By the expression "**He descended into hell,**" the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil "who has the power of death."



637 In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. **He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him.**

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION



656 Faith in the Resurrection has as its object an event which as historically attested to by the disciples, who really encountered the Risen One. At the same time, this event is mysteriously transcendent insofar as it is the entry of Christ's humanity into the glory of God.



657 The empty tomb and the linen cloths lying there signify in themselves that by God's power Christ's body had escaped the bonds of death and corruption. They prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord.



658 Christ, "the first-born from the dead," is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls, and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies.

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION



665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again; this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men.



666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.



667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' SECOND COMING



681 On Judgement Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history.



682 When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace.

Summary



Christ's Whole Life is a Mystery



Mystery of his Birth and Infancy (§522-534)



Mystery of his Public Ministry (§535-560)



**Mystery of his Passion, Death, and Resurrection (§571 - 573,
595 - 667)**



Mystery of Jesus' Second Coming (§668 - 682)