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.

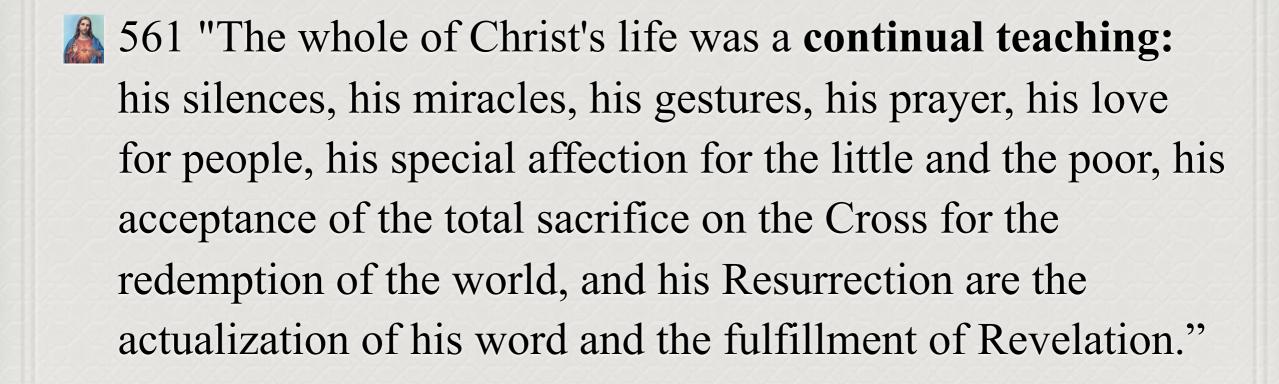
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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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
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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).

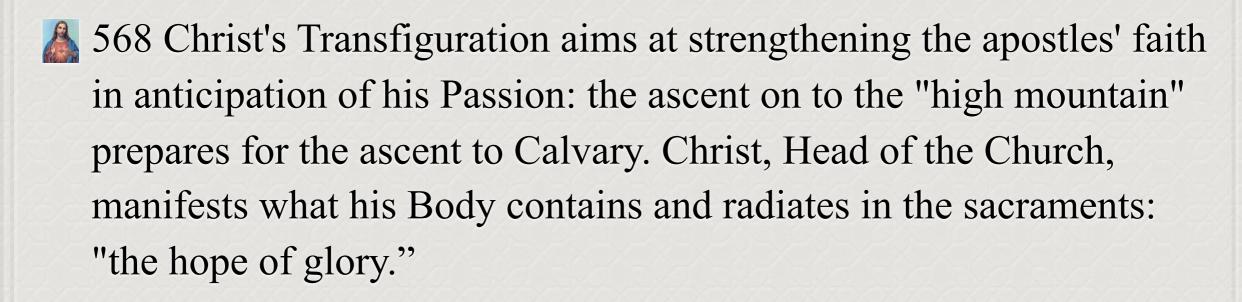
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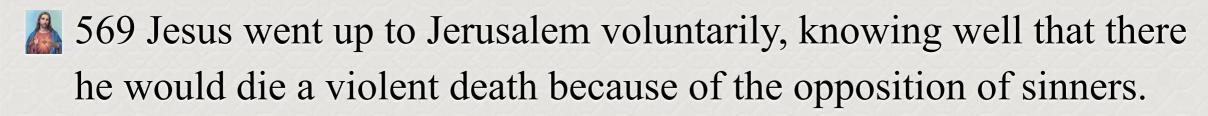
564 By his **obedience** to Mary and Joseph, as well as by his **humble work** during the long years in Nazareth, Jesus gives us the **example of holiness** in the daily life of family and work.

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.
- 366 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.
- 267 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.

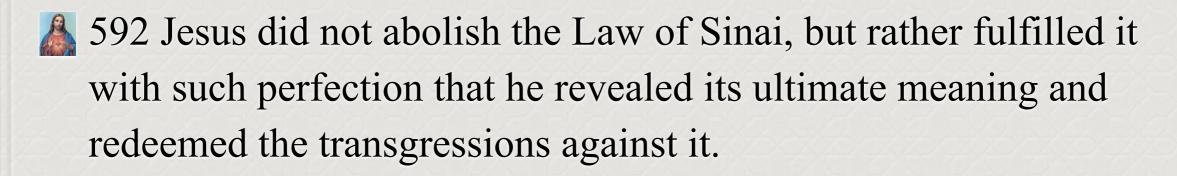
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570 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifests the coming of the kingdom that the Messiah-King, welcomed into his city by children and the humble of heart, is going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection.

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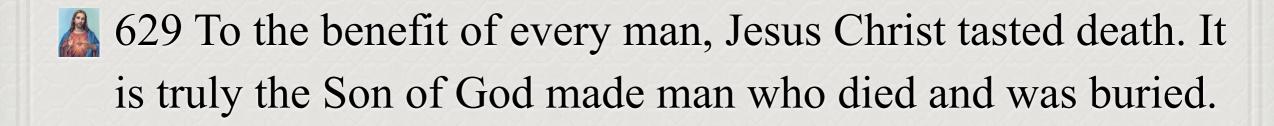


394 Jesus performed acts, such as pardoning sins, that manifested him to be the Saviour God himself. Certain Jews, who did not recognize God made man, saw in him only a man who made himself God, and judged him as a blasphemer.

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' PASSION

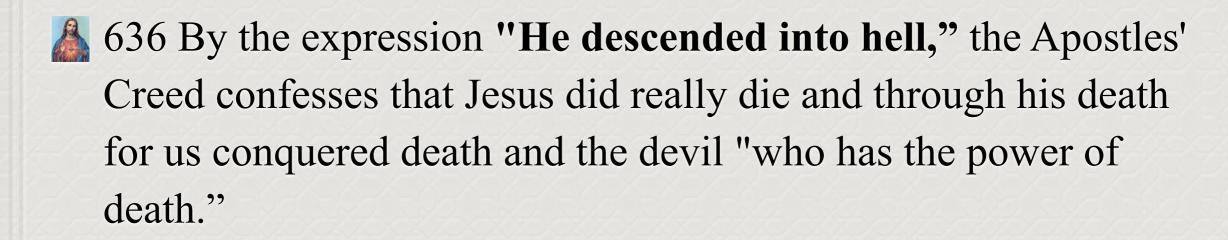
- **&** 619 "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures."
- 620 Our salvation flows from God's initiative of love for us, because "he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."
- 621 Jesus freely offered himself for 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



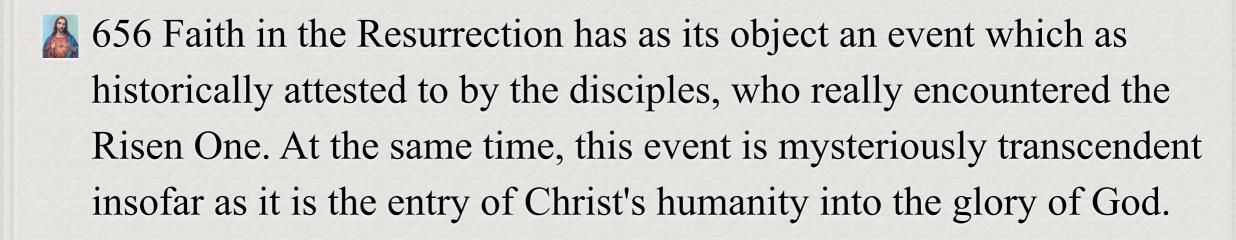
630 During Christ's period in the tomb, his divine person continued to assume both his soul and his body, although they were separated from each other by death. For this reason the dead Christ's body "saw no corruption."

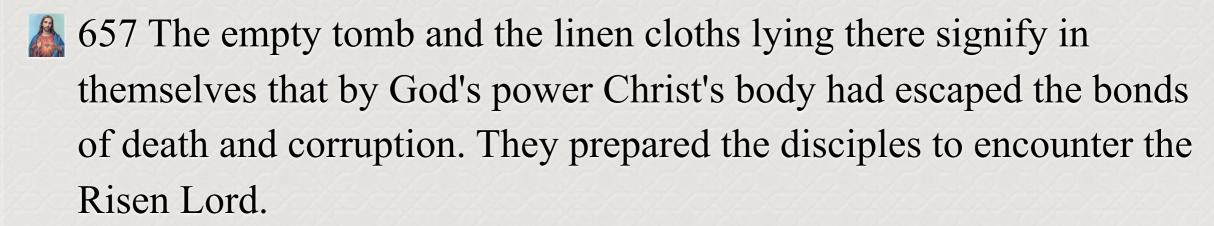
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637 In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him.

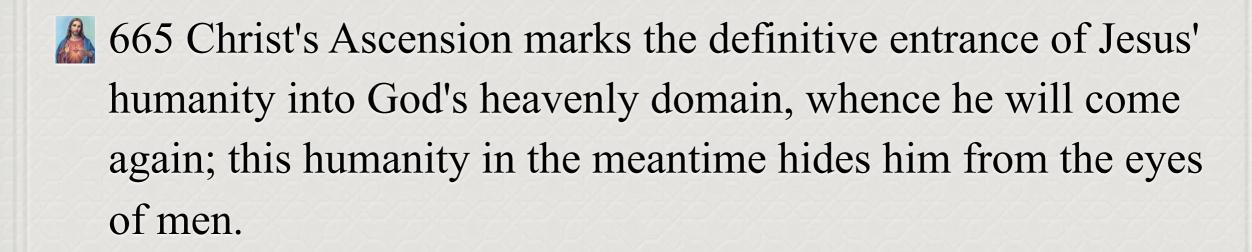
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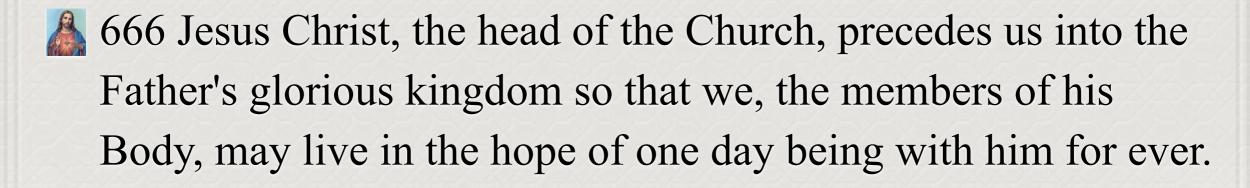




658 Christ, "the first-born from the dead," is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls, and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies.

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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)