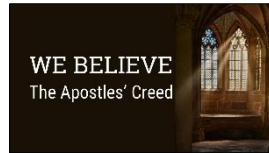


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Apostles' Creed

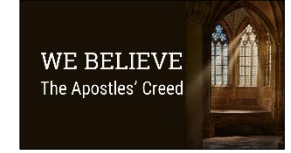
We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What leads you to believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, or what causes you to question that claim?
- Read John 1:1-18; 5:15-27. What does the Gospel writer reveal here about who Jesus is? What claims are made about his identity?
- How would you describe the relationship between God the Father and God the Son? What are the implications of this for our own relationship with God?
- Read aloud a version of the Apostles' Creed. What is emphasized in calling Jesus Christ "God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary"?
- What does the title "Christ" mean? What does it tell us about who Jesus is and what he came to do?
- Why does it matter that Jesus is God's "only" Son?
- What are ways the title "Lord" is used even today? What are we affirming by declaring that Jesus is "our Lord"? How should that affect our actions?
- Why is it important to affirm Jesus' conception and birth?
- Why has the Christian Church so stressed both Jesus' divinity and his humanity? What happens to our faith if we deny one or the other?
- How does knowing Jesus is both divine and human help you personally? How might God be leading you to know him more in this way? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.