

Nicene Creed: We Believe In One Lord, Jesus Christ

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For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

God's Desire for a Relationship

Read Genesis 15:4–6 NLT

1. What did the Lord promise Abram? (15:4–5)
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust God and His timing in our lives?
3. How does sin get in the way of our relationship with God?

God's answer to Sin

Read Romans 5:12-21

4. What did Adam introduce into the world and pass on to his descendants? (5:12)
5. How did the coming of God's law affect our understanding of what sin is? (5:13)

6. What is God's solution to the inevitable problem of sin and death? (5:16–17)

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Who is Jesus?

Read John 1:1–5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

7. Who is the Word? (1:1)

8. What was the Word's role in creation? (1:3)

9. How is the "life" the light of men? (1:4)

Read John 1:29-34

10. What did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because He was before him? (1:30)

11. With what will Jesus baptize? (1:33)

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12. What title did John ascribe to the person he baptized? (1:34)

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Read Luke 1:26–38

13. Who greeted Mary? Why? (1:26–28)

14. How did Mary feel when the angel appeared to her? (1:29–30)

15. How did Mary's response to the angel differ from Zechariah's? (1:34, 38)

16. Why wasn't Mary struck dumb by the angel as Zechariah was? ([1:34](#))

17. How did Gabriel describe the child that would be born to Mary? (1:31–33)

18. What title would Jesus have? ([1:32](#))

19. What do Mary's responses to Gabriel tell us about the kind of people through whom God works?

Read John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

* The Greek word ἐσκήνωσεν is translated in this version as "dwelt," which means "pitched a tent."

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Read Matthew 27:24–26

20. How did Pilate attempt to evade any responsibility in the condemnation of Jesus? ([27:24](#))

21. What ironic statement did the crowd make about Jesus' blood? ([27:25](#))

22. What is the most ingenious or creative excuse you have heard someone give in an attempt to avoid responsibility?

Read Matthew 27:33–37

23. What was offered to Jesus? ([27:34](#))

24. After nailing Jesus to the cross, what did the soldiers do? ([27:35–36](#))

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25. What did the soldiers place above Jesus' head? ([27:37](#))

Read Matthew 27:45–54

26. What happened from the sixth to the ninth hour (from 12 noon until 3 p.m.)? ([27:45](#))

27. What did Jesus' last words mean? ([27:46](#))

28. How did a Roman centurion react to the way Jesus died? ([27:54](#))

Read Matthew 28:1–8

29. Who went to Jesus' tomb? ([28:1](#))

30. Where did the angel go, and what did he do? ([28:2](#))

31. Why is the Resurrection important to us as Christians?

Read Acts 1:6–11

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32. What did the apostles misunderstand? ([1:6](#))

33. Who would help the apostles get their job done? ([1:8](#))

34. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? ([1:9-11](#))

35. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? ([1:11](#))

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Read Daniel 7:9-10

36. How did Daniel describe the scene with the thrones? ([7:9-10](#))

37. God revealed Himself to Daniel through dreams and visions. How does God usually speak to us today?

Read Revelation 20:11-15

38. From what diverse places will the dead assemble for this judgment? ([20:13](#))

39. What does it mean that death and Hades “were thrown into the lake of fire”?

40. What is the value in knowing that we will be judged for the way we live?

41. How can you help a friend or family member avoid a future in the lake of fire?