

2020-2021 RCIA #8

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Part I: The Creed (Chapter 8)

The Redemption

- How Does It End?

Last Week - The Incarnation

- The ***Incarnation*** – the Word of God made flesh, and is one of the Church’s most important mysteries
- Who is Jesus Christ?
 - Miraculous birth in Bethlehem (Matthew and Luke)
 - Shepherds
 - Wise men (*Magi*)
 - Flight to Egypt
 - Finding in the Temple
 - Thirty hidden years
 - Followed by three years of active ministry for our redemption
 - His Passion, Death, and Resurrection
 - Institution of the Church

Last Week-The Incarnation (Cont)

- Teachings on Mary?
 - The ***Annunciation*** (celebrated on March 25)
 - Fiat provided Jesus both human and divine nature
 - Union of two natures is the “hypostatic union”
 - ***Perpetual Virgin***
 - ***Immaculate Conception*** - Pius IX *Ineffabilis Deus* -1854
 - ***Assumption*** – Pius XII *Manificentissimus Deus* - 1950
 - ***Mother of God (Theotokos)***

The Redemption

- First Century Jewish Players
 - Sadducees
 - Pharisees
 - Essenes
 - Zealots
 - Priests (Levites, Scribes, Lawyers)

The Kerygma (The Teachings of the Apostles)

- The promises of God made in the Old Testament have now been fulfilled with the coming of Jesus, the Messiah
- Jesus was anointed by God at His baptism as Messiah
- Jesus began His ministry in Galilee after His baptism
- He conducted a beneficent ministry (doing good and performing mighty works by the power of God)
- The Messiah was crucified according to the purpose of God
- He was raised from the dead and appeared to His disciples
- Jesus was exalted by God and given the name “Lord”
- He gave the Holy Spirit to form the new community of God
- He will come again for judgment and the restoration of all things
- All who hear the message should repent and be baptized

The Redemption (Cont)

- How does it end?
 - The 1st century worldview
 - Torah
 - Prophets and Babylon captivity
 - Roman domination
 - Herod the king
 - Temple and Jerusalem

The Redemption (Cont)

- Events of the Passion of Jesus Christ
 - Palm Sunday (Entry into Jerusalem as king)
 - Closing of commerce at the Temple
 - The Garden of Gethsemane
 - Trial before the High Priest
 - Trial before Pilate
 - Scourging
 - Carrying of the Cross

The Redemption (Cont)

- Crucifixion (birth of the Church)
- Death (opening of Paradise)
- Resurrection (after three Jewish days)
- Promise of the Holy Spirit
- Ascension (after 40 days)
- Pentecost (after 50 days)