

# 2023-2024 RCIA #7

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# Part I: The Creed (Chapter 7)

## The Incarnation

- Who Is Mary?
- Who Is Jesus Christ?

# The Nicene Creed

## *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.

# The Nicene Creed

## *Jesus Christ (Cont)*

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.

# The Nicene Creed

## *Jesus Christ (Cont)*

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.

# Part 1: The Creed

- Who is Jesus Christ?
  - Second Person of the Trinity
  - Son of God
  - **Word made flesh**
  - King of the “Kingdom of God”
  - Savior of the World
  - Lamb of God

# 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 *Manificientissimus Deus* - 1950
  - ***Mother of God*** (*Theotokos*)

# The Incarnation (Cont)

- The ***Incarnation*** – the Word of God made flesh, and is one of the Church's most important mysteries
- 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



# The Incarnation (Cont)

- Jesus possessed three kinds of knowledge
  - **Experiential** – acquired by behavior
  - **Infused** – directly conferred by God
  - **Beatific** – of heaven
- Two ways to look at Jesus Christ
  - The **historical Jesus** (modern biblical scholarship)
  - The **Christ, Messiah** (Anointed), 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Trinity within history (Pope Benedict's book)