

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about the Second Article of The Apostles' Creed *

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil - not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death - in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

161 How does the Bible show us that Jesus Christ is true God?

The Bible shows us that Jesus Christ is true God by what it teaches about Him and what it says He did (for example: compare John 1:1-3 with Ephesians 3:9 and Colossians 1:16; compare Hebrews 1:1-6 with Deuteronomy 6:13 - note who alone is to be worshiped; the I am's of the Gospel according to John 6:35, 8:12, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, and 15:1, all show that Jesus is true God; Jesus' own resurrection recorded in all the Gospels, Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-11, and John 20:1-18, show that He is God - see Thomas' testimony in John 20:28; see also Matthew 28:20, John 21:17, John 5:23, Revelation 22:13, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 8:27, Titus 2:13, and 1 John 5:20).

Matthew 4:10 and
John 17:3

* in the *Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism.*



162 Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true man?

It was necessary for our Savior to be true man in order that He might fulfill the law for us, and suffer and die in our place.

Galatians 4:4,5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Romans 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

