

# 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.

### 163 Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true God?

It was necessary for our Savior to be true God so that His blood might have unlimited power to pay for the sins of all people.

**Hebrews 9:12** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

### 164 What does the Bible teach about the birth of Jesus?

The Bible teaches that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was therefore without sin. It also teaches that He was born at Bethlehem in great poverty and lowliness.

**Luke 1:35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

**Luke 2:7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Matthew 8:20** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

## A Verse to Remember

**N**ow this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3 ESV

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



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

