

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.

196 How did Christ make His resurrection known?

During a period of forty days, He showed Himself alive to many people and spoke to them about the Kingdom of God (Luke 24; John 20:10-29; John 21:1-23; 1 Corinthians 15:3-9)

197 What command did Jesus give His disciples before His ascension?

Jesus gave them this command: "... All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20"

198 What does the Bible teach about Jesus' ascension into heaven?

The Bible teaches that Jesus, as God, and also as a human being, visibly and bodily left the earth as our forerunner and took His place at the right hand of God the Father.

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.



A Verse to Remember

Now 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*

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

