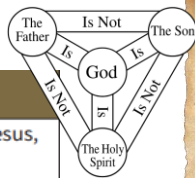




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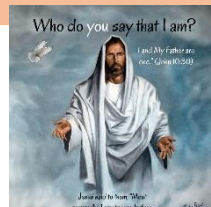
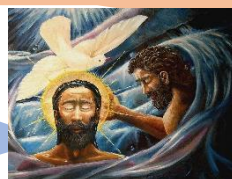
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I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE. I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES. GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT, TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER; THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE. 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. 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. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED, WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS. I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”



¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

(Matthew 3:16-17)

Doctrines

Incarnation
The Incarnation is a Catholic doctrine which states that Jesus was both truly human and truly divine. ‘Incarnate’ means ‘made flesh’. God became a human being in the person of Jesus, to offer humanity the chance of salvation.

Trinity
The Trinity is reflected in Catholic prayer, for example in the Sign of the Cross. The Trinity is reflected in the Mass, as Catholics believe the offering that Jesus made to the Father on the cross is made really present by the action of the Holy Spirit. Arius said that Jesus was created by God the Father and therefore God the Father was more powerful. The Church decided this viewpoint was heresy because it goes against the doctrine of the Trinity.

Jesus' title	What does the Bible tell us about this title?
Son of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Old Testament, there are prophecies that the Messiah will be God's 'son' (e.g. Psalms 2:7). In the New Testament, God the Father calls Jesus his 'beloved Son' during Jesus' baptism. This title shows that Jesus is the Son of the Father and truly God.
Son of Man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This title is a reminder that Jesus is a human being who wants to serve others (e.g. in Psalms 8:4 in the Old Testament, and in the story of the Request of James and John in the New Testament). The title is also used to emphasise Jesus' divine power and authority (e.g. when describing the Last Day of Judgement in Mark's Gospel).
Christ and Son of David	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Christ' is a title from the Hebrew 'Messiah', which means anointed one. There are prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah, including that the Messiah will be an ancestor of King David (e.g. 1 Kings 9:5). In the New Testament, Jesus is called the Son of David by people who recognise him as the Messiah (e.g. in the story of Palm Sunday).
Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The early Christians used the title 'Lord' to express their belief that Jesus is God, as in the Old Testament this title is used for God (e.g. Exodus 3:14-15). In the New Testament, the disciples use the title as a term of respect and to recognise that Jesus is God (e.g. John 21:1-13).

How is Jesus an example?

Christians believe that Jesus showed **agape** (a pure and selfless love) when he sacrificed himself on the cross to save humanity.

Catholic Social Teaching encourages Catholics to follow Jesus' example and serve others, e.g. through charitable acts or choosing a career that helps others.

Gaudium et Spes is an important Catholic document which describes Jesus' human qualities and calls him the 'perfect human being'.

