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## **Creed – Part Three – Jesus Christ** **The Son of God made Man**

Original Sin – Abuse of free will and intellect by our first parents  
CC 396-412

CC 422-425 – I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
Galatians 4:4-5

CC 426-429 – At the heart of catechesis is a divine person, Jesus Christ.

You can have difficulties, but do not doubt.

My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me.

Article #2 – “And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord

CC 430 – Jesus – “God Saves” – his identity and his mission

CC 433 – invoked only once a year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood.

CC 435 – Heart of our Christian Prayer

Jesus Prayer – “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

CC 436 – Christ – Messiah – Anointed

Old Testament – Kings and Priests

New Testament – Jesus anointed with the Holy Spirit

Trinity Implications

1. God, the Father – who does the anointing
2. God, the Son – to whom is anointed
3. God, the Holy Spirit – by which they are anointed

Become so little (humble) that the devil can not see you anymore.

CC 441-445

CC 446-448 – Lord – YHWH (Yahweh) – Kyrios

CC 449 – By attributing to Jesus the divine title “Lord,” the first confessions of the Church’s faith affirm from the beginning that the power, honor, and glory due to God the Father are due also to Jesus, because “he was in the form of God,” and the Father manifested the sovereignty of Jesus by raising him from the dead and exalting him into his glory.

CC 450-451

Article #3 – He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary

CC 456-457 – Why did the Word become flesh?

1. In order to save us by reconciling us with God

St. Gregory of Nyssa –

Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?

2. So that we might know God's love
3. To be our model of holiness
4. To make us partakers in the divine nature

CC 461-463 - Incarnation – the word became flesh – that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it.

CC 464-469 – True God and True Man

CC 465-467 – Heresies

CC 471-474 – Christ's Soul and his human knowledge

CC 475 – Christ's human will

CC 476 & 477 – Christ's True Body