

# Creed

## EASTER - WEEK #1: Jesus Christ

### The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead;  
on 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 there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen*

### 1. Jesus is God \_\_\_\_\_, so I never have to wonder what God is like.

*I believe... in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,*

*Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father." Jesus answered, "...Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." "...Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."*

John 14:8, 9, 11 (NCV)

### 2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and died so that I don't have to.

*...suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead;*

*Christ suffered and died for sins once and for all—the innocent for the guilty  
—to bring you near to God by his body being put to death and by being raised  
to life by the Spirit.*

1 Peter 3:18 (TPT)

### 3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ so I can have new life now and forever.

*...on the third day he rose again from the dead;*

*And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still  
guilty of your sins.*

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NLT)

### 4. The question is, "Do \_\_\_\_\_?"

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that  
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes  
and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

### Discussion Questions:

1. What have people told you about Jesus? Who do they say he is?
2. In light of what scripture reveals about Jesus, or in light of what you have come to know about Jesus' character, how are you now invited to live? Meaning, how can you live out Jesus' compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness in your day to day life?

### Recommended Resources:

- *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, by J. I. Packer
- *The Apostles' Creed: Discovering Authentic Christianity in an Age of Counterfeits*, by R. Albert Mohler, Jr
- *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel
- *The Problem of Jesus*, by Mark Clark
- *The Problem of God*, by Mark Clark
- *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller
- *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, by Brennan Manning