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Our Prayers:
Our Father

Scripture:
Acts 10: 36 – 43



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“You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”



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 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the holy **catholic**
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

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Reading Review

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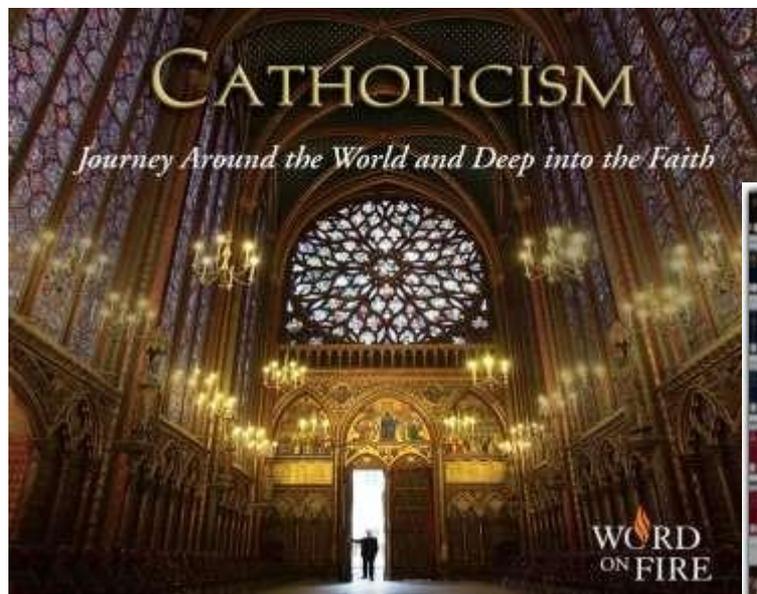
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“Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man”
Catholicism, Episode 1 Bishop Robert Barron

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AMAZED

Intrigued by Teacher, Captivated by Spiritual Leader

AFRAID

Awe and Fear are two standard responses to God

STRANGE & SCARY

Healings, Miracles, Raising the Dead and Calming the Sea



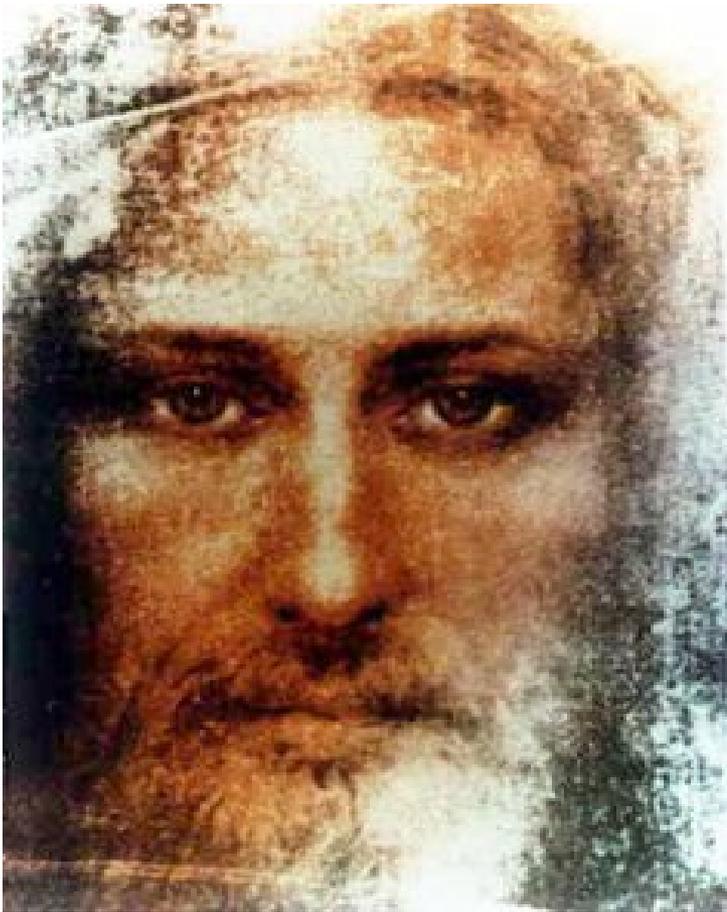
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GATHERING OF THE TRIBES

The Kingdom of God is at Hand!

- Table Fellowship Gathers God's People so as to bind up their wounds.
- Turning the rules upside down...
 - Don't talk to women - Woman at the Well
 - Don't touch the dead - Raise the Dead

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CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

Tear down this space and rebuild it in three days!

WE BECOME WHAT WE WORSHIP...

- Through our worship of God, we are attracted to and become like God.
- Through our worship of STUFF, we are attracted to and become like STUFF.
- The Temple was meant to BE God's, and yet became filled with STUFF.
- The Temple is replaced with the Son of God, so that all might be attracted again to GOD himself!

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REBUILD THE TEMPLE IN THREE DAYS...

- The NEW TEMPLE is the Body of Christ.
- When Christ was pierced on the Cross, water and blood flowed from His side, fulfilling Ezekiel's prophecy:

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and there! I saw water flowing out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east. The water flowed out toward the right side of the temple to the south of the altar. Wherever it flows, the river teems with every kind of living creature; fish will abound. Where these waters flow they refresh; everything lives where the river goes.”(Ez. 47:1,9)

- The Church shares in this treasure as Christ is at the center, in a sense cleansing it as we go!

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DEAL WITH THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL

After so much domination and exile, Israel dreams that one day, someone will come to lead them into battle and finally become the world's power!

The descendant of King David himself comes, but as a different kind of warrior.

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES

- Caesar Augustus (Rule of the World) and the Newborn King (of Kings)
- Caesar was clothed in all finery
- Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

FOOD FOR THE WORLD

- Caesar could eat anything he wanted
- Jesus was born in a manger (a trough) to BE food for all!

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CAESAR'S ARMY VS. THE ARMY OF ANGELS

“The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Their weapons are not swords, but rather actions of love, justice, courage, peace, and service.



JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM - A DAVIDIC WARRIOR

- He picked a fight and was met with ALL the opposing forces that had sought to stop Him since the day of His birth.
- HE FORGAVE THEM & LOVED THEM!
- He takes away the sins of the world, because that's how he fights!

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HOW COULD HE WIN IN DEATH? THE MESSIAH WAS NOT MEANT TO "LOSE"...

- The Resurrection!
- Jesus showed wounds and simple says Shalom!
- God's love is more powerful than all!
- We tried to kill God, and He responded with love and forgiveness!
- He is the Prince of Peace

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REIGNING AS LORD OF THE NATIONS

- We are called to announce the Good News so that all would know that Christ is Lord!
- Peter & Paul Began in the “Center of the World” - Rome to Proclaim
- It was common for the victor to announce the “good news” of their conquest.
- Mark’s Gospel begins with the verse...
“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God]*”
- The “good news” of salvation in and through Jesus, crucified and risen!
- Acknowledged by the Christian community as Messiah.



ISAIAH 9: 1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.



Looking ahead --

Next class – October 19 – Chapter 4 “Jesus and His Followers and His Word”

