

JESUS - WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

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References: US CCC for Adults Chapter 7

Jesus: A Gospel Portrait by Donald Senior, 1992.

Covenants and promises. See Genesis 12:3 (OT 24)
Christians believe Jesus is that Messiah, and more.

Gospel - Good news. Sunday Mass readings come from OT and NT.

Luke (NT 98)

Ch 3 begins story of public ministry, Jesus age 30.

Luke 4: 14-24 (NT 106-107) Rejection in Nazareth; Jesus reading the scripture from Isaiah.

Luke 5: 1-11 (NT 108) Call of Peter

Parables

Luke 8: 22-25 (NT 114) Calming of the storm.

Luke 9: 7-9 (NT 116) Herod's opinion of Jesus.

Luke 9: 10-17 (NT 116) Feeding of the five thousand.

Luke 9: 18-20 (NT 116) Who do you say that I am?

DISCUSSION - WHO IS JESUS for you?

Starters -

- Someone I am curious about; learning about.
- The one I am suppose to follow but often forget about.
- Parents said, 'Go to church.' Jesus is the one they talk about there.
- The one I pray to when times are bad.
- God/Jesus is 'the man upstairs', far away.

- Jesus loves me and I want to love HIM.
- Jesus carried me through difficult time.
- Jesus is my source of strength and hope.
- Jesus is God's son, who died and saved me from sin.
- Jesus is God in the form of human.
- Jesus is my friend.
- I go to Jesus with gratitude for all things in my life.

Story of Jesus continues:

Luke 19:28-38 (NT 132) Entry into Jerusalem.

Luke 22:1-6 (NT 136) Conspiracy

Luke 22: 14-20 (NT 136) Last Supper

Luke 22: 66-71 (NT 138) Jesus before the Sanhedrin. Are you the Messiah?

Luke 23: 33-43 (NT 139) Crucifixion

Luke 24: 13-35 (NT 140-141) Appearance on the Road to Emmaus.

Pope Francis authored a book called The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium). In it he speaks of those who are learning about Jesus and the Catholic Church. He states the first message to your ears should be this: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." §164.

In time, followers of Jesus came to understand that Jesus was divine; Jesus is God on earth.

Encounter with God: Sacrament.

Compilation of the Gospel scriptures:

Oral tradition until just before 70 A.D. in Rome, time of Christian persecution.

- Gospel of Mark was written for a primarily Gentile audience facing serious persecution.
- Matthew use much of the foundational material as did Mark, but drew from other sources as well. Written after fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., probably a decade. Tensions between Jewish and Gentile Christians as evident in the letters of Paul. More definition as to what it means to be Christian.
- Writer of Luke (and Acts) used same material plus, at with different emphasis. Writer was non-Palestinian writing to non-Palestinians 80-90 A.D. These first three are Synoptic Gospels ("seen together").
- John was composed around 90-100 A.D. and emphasized the divinity of Jesus.