

# Jesus Christ

## The Purpose of the Apostles' Creed:

1. To have an outline of the basics of our faith.
2. To be able to refute the cults.
3. To have unity among Christians on the absolutes.

Theology of Christ in the Apostles' Creed:	
This is called Humiliation.	This is called Exaltation.
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, dead & buried; and descended into Hades.	The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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- John 3:16 – *only son*
- Philippians 2 – *Lord*
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## Conceived by the Holy Spirit – Why is this important?

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”  
- Matthew 1:20

“The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.’”  
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## Born of the virgin Mary – Was she really a virgin?

1. Mary knew she was a virgin.  
“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus.”  
<sup>34</sup>“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since **I am a virgin?**” - Luke 1:31,34
2. The Apostles believed she was a virgin.

3. Prophecy said she would be a virgin.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a **sign**: The **virgin** will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him **Immanuel**.”  
- Isaiah 7:14

## Suffered Under Pontius Pilate

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- Acts 4:27

## His Suffering was two-fold:

1. It was physical.
2. It was spiritual. (Romans 3:25-26)

## Was Crucified, Dead and Buried – Is crucifixion important?

1. It was only used by Romans in this time of history.
2. It was the method described in the Old Testament.
3. Jesus knew He would die this way.

“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death <sup>19</sup>and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and **crucified**. On the third day He will be raised to life!”  
- Matthew 20:18,19

## Was Jesus really dead?

1. His mother believed He was dead.
2. The soldiers believed He was dead. (John 19:33)
3. The disciples believed He was dead.
4. The Jewish leaders believed He was dead. (Matthew 27:63)
5. The men who buried Him believed He was dead.

## He Descended Into Hades

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, He went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits...”  
- 1 Peter 3:18,19

## For what purpose?

1. To proclaim victory.
2. To declare authority. To take back the keys. (Revelation 1:18)

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