

Saint Raymond Church RCIA
Jesus 202: Jesus as Lord and Savior

Before the Video teaching...

- Let's watch a movie....Fr. Barron on Jesus (the link is on the website)
- Think: Who is Jesus for YOU?
- Go to www.saintraymond.net; Faith Formation; RCIA and find the date!

Outline

1. Conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - a. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary (Annunciation)
 - b. Mary was FREE – she said YES (conceiving first in her heart and then in her womb)
 - c. Mary conceived by GOD's power – this is not of man!
2. Born of the Virgin Mary
 - a. The Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) – Mary is *conceived* without sin
 - b. The perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a proof that Jesus does not have a human father, only God. Mary is also a sign for the Church – a vessel only for Jesus and nothing else.
3. Christ's Infancy and Hidden Life
 - a. The Adoration of Shepherds & the Magi (Epiphany) – adored by those who society ignores
 - b. The Flight into Egypt – persecution from the very beginning
 - c. The Presentation in the Temple (and Circumcision) – he is truly of the Jewish faith as he is joined to the covenant
 - d. The Life in Galilee – *He grew in age and wisdom, yet we know very little of actual details*
4. The Public Life
 - a. Baptism of Jesus – the ministry begins through a “baptism” that is different from our own (he had no sin to be forgiven of....)
 - b. Temptations in the Desert– the devil tempts him to reject the Father's plan yet he remains strong
 - c. Proclaiming the Kingdom - a Kingdom into which ALL are invited
 - d. The Miracles – signs of God's power working in Jesus (and they work to draw a crowd so he can preach)
 - e. The Transfiguration – a moment of glory shines through on Mount Tabor
 - f. A life revealing the Father (in the arms of the Father is where we will be most happy....right?)
5. The Passion (Suffering), Death and Resurrection of Jesus is often called the “Paschal Mystery” (*pasch is a Latin word that mean “lamb”, the title John the Baptist gave to Jesus*). The Paschal Mystery is the central mystery of our

Christian faith. God's mission to save humanity was accomplished through this Paschal Mystery.

6. Why did Jesus have to die to save us?
 - a. Since sin had entered the world through a man (Adam), God wanted the remission of sin to come through a man as well (Jesus, the new Adam).
 - b. God wanted us to be saved through one like us – Jesus become one like us to set us free.
 - c. In the end, why it happened this way remains a mystery we will not fully understand until we are in heaven.

7. Jesus and the Jewish People
 - a. Jesus was a Jewish man having been circumcised and raised as an observant Jew.
 - b. The apostles and first disciples were Jewish and Jesus taught in a way that the Jewish people understood. His mission was primarily to the Jewish people.
 - c. Many of the Jewish people were upset by Jesus identifying Himself as God – they felt this was blasphemy. This is the charge they will bring against him with the High Priest.
 - d. Most of the Jewish people rejected Jesus as a Messiah because they were expecting a “political” Messiah who would restore the actual Kingdom of old (thus the Messiah would be a KING) – not a Kingdom where the poor are welcomed and the theme of selfless service. Even Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus) was expecting this type of a Messiah and Savior (when he realized it was not to be, this is when he betrayed Jesus)

8. Questions to Discuss with Your Faith Partner
 - a. Do you understand the “Virgin Birth” and why this is important to the identity of Jesus?
 - b. Is there a part of the Christmas Story (Shepherds, Magi, Poverty, etc.) that is most appealing to you?
 - c. God (Jesus) became sin. Wow! As you sit with that, what are your thoughts and feelings?
 - d. What other questions do you have about Jesus (at this point)?

9. A few other comments:
 - a. Plan to join us for the St Raymond Super Bowl Party & Mardi Gras Party; you are becoming part of a community of believers
 - b. We will continue meeting on Sundays after Mass – if there is a problem some weeks, please call your Faith Partner!