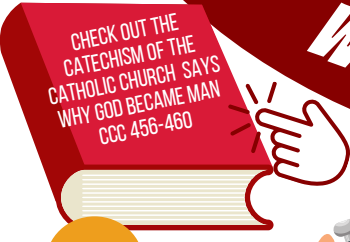


WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."
Nicene Creed



CHOOSE A FAVOURITE TOPIC (SPORT / TEAM / BAND / GAME ETC) AND TALK FOR A MINUTE EXPLAINING THE BASIC INFO EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW.

IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU, "WHAT ARE THE BASICS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF?", OR "WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTIANITY?" HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER? WHAT POINTS WOULD YOU MENTION?





Have you seen John 3:16 on posters at matches? What does the quote say?

HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY GOD BECAME MAN, WHY JESUS CAME TO US IN HUMAN FORM?



WATCH THIS EXTRACT FROM THE ALTARATION SERIES: "MARK HART ON THE 4 REASONS GOD BECAME MAN." AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Mark lists 4 reasons God became man. We find these in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

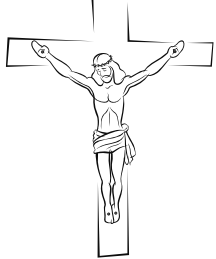
REASON 1:

To save us from our _____, in other words, to r_____ us.
[Jesus accomplished this through His D_____ and R_____!]

REASON 2:

To show us what _____ is. It's more than a feeling, or an idea, or a song lyric. It requires s_____ and it works for the other's s_____.

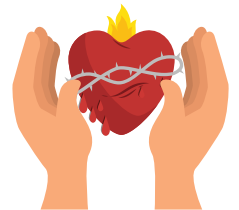
[Jesus showed the depth of His love for us by dying on the C_____!]



REASON 3:

To model _____ for us.

Can you think of ways Jesus modelled this way of life for us?
How did He serve / help others? _____

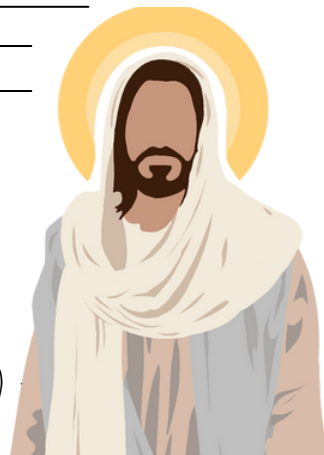


REASON 4:

So that we can partake in the D_____ N_____.

God became man so man could become like _____.

God gives us His Divine life which we call g_____



WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

Rewatch Mark Hart's short video. Now test yourself - can you explain briefly the four reasons God became man? Maybe you can come up with some memory / mnemonic devices to help you?





John 3:16 - it's a sign we see at matches, so much so that you might be forgiven for thinking that John was a great hurler who scored an incredible 3:16 in an unforgettable game! But instead, the guys who hold up this placard want to remind us something even more incredible, something we should never forget, that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. This is the Good News of our Faith - this is the most basic belief Christians share. Even though our world is broken, even though many are lost, even though it seems like the darkness is so dark and so deep, the light will never be overcome. Jesus is the Light of the World - that's not just a nice cliché or a comforting phrase. Jesus came to be lifted up (on a cross), to draw all humanity to himself (through His sacrifice) and He was raised to new life. Death, sin, darkness, brokenness - all were defeated by Him and in Him and through Him. Suffering can have meaning when united with His. The lost can find hope. The sinner can find mercy. The broken can find healing. And that's Good News, the best news!



MISSION!

MAYBE YOU'RE GOOD AT MEMORISING SCRIPTURE. MAYBE YOU'VE NEVER EVEN TRIED. THIS WEEK, TRY TO MEMORISE JOHN 3:16 AND REMIND YOURSELF OF IT. MAYBE EVEN WRITE IT ON A POST-IT NOTE, OR FRAME IT, SO THAT YOU'LL REMEMBER IT WHEN YOU NEED A REMINDER OF JUST HOW MUCH YOU ARE WORTH TO GOD!
"YES, GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY NOT BE LOST BUT MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."



PRAYER TIME!

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus, your only Son, into the world to save us. Help me to grow in knowledge of how much you love and value me. Amen



CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON GOD BECOMING MAN



- In Christ Alone - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss
- Emmanuel - Hillsong
- Here I am to Worship - Hillsong
- What a Beautiful Name - Hillsong
- Lord I Lift Your Name on High: Shane & Shane
- You gave your life away - Paul Baloche
- Son of Man, Son of God - Travis Ryan
- Human for me - Kathy Kinard



HFM Testimony: Watch Ezekiel's story of how His relationship with God has grown



Why did God take on our humanity? (Fr Mike Schmitz)



DOODLE PRAYER



JOHN 3:16

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