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### The Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, His only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried; He descended to hell. The third  
day He rose again from the dead. He  
ascended to 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.

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I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## A Savior Has Come

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there  
were shepherds out in the field,  
keeping watch over their flock by  
night. <sup>9</sup>And an **angel** of the Lord  
appeared to them, and the glory of  
the Lord shone around them, and  
they were filled with great fear.

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<sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them,  
“Fear not, for **behold**, I bring you  
good news of great joy that will be  
for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is  
born this day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

—**Luke 2:8-11** **ESV**

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## A Sacrifice is Here

The next day he [**John** the Baptist]  
saw Jesus coming toward him, and  
said, “**Behold**, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the  
world! —**John 1:29** **ESV**

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## A Substitute is Ready

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" —John 19:5 ESV

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## Humiliation • Isaiah 53:4-7

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<sup>16</sup>So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

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<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic.

—John 19:16-23 ESV

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<sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe... <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. —John 19:35; 20:30-31 ESV

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"Christ accepted the penalties that belonged to us so that we could claim, through faith, the blessings that would otherwise belong only to Him."

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