

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. 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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Matthew 27

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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.

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He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

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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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Work of Jesus:

1. Incarnation
2. Substitution
3. Resurrection
4. Ascension
5. Return

“He descended to hell.”

[45] Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

[46] And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:45-50

[47] And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” [48] And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.

Matthew 27:45-50

[49] But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” [50] And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Matthew 27:45-50

Jesus' Death:

Jesus' Death: Physical Layer

Hell:

- Gehenna – place of suffering and judgment

[29] If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell [*Gehenna*].

Matthew 5:29-30

[30] And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell [*Gehenna*].

Matthew 5:29-30

Hell:

- Gehenna – place of suffering and judgment

Hell:

- Gehenna – place of suffering and judgment
- Hades – collective abode of the dead.

HADES - *the realm of the dead*

GEHENNA

*the place of the
suffering and
torment*

PARADISE

*the place of joy
and holiness*

“He descended to hell.”

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“He descended to *Hades*.”

[25] For David says concerning [Jesus], “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; [26] therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

Acts 2:25-27

[27] For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

Acts 2:25-27

[39] One of the criminals who were hanged
railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us!” [40] But the other
rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation?”

Luke 23:39-43

[41] And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” [42] And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke 23:39-43

[43] And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:39-43

[50] *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice
and yielded up his spirit.*

Matthew 27:50

“Jesus really was human like us. His divinity does not compromise his humanity. Being God incarnate did not mean he was spared from tasting death. He did not merely seem to die; he really did die and joined those who had died before him.”

Alisdair McGrath

Jesus' Death: Physical Layer

Jesus' Death:
Physical Layer
Spiritual Layer

[46] And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46

“Hell is not ultimately about fire, but about God. Whatever the exact nature of the physical punishments, the real terror awaiting the unrepentant is God himself and his inescapable presence forever with his face turned against them.”

Michael Horton

“Not only was Christ’s body given as the price of our redemption, but he paid a greater and more excellent price in suffering in his soul the terrible torments of a condemned and forsaken man...

John Calvin

Surely no more terrible abyss can be conceived than to feel yourself forsaken and estranged from God; and when you call upon him, not to be heard.”

John Calvin

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“The third day He rose again
from the dead.”

[1] Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And behold, there was a great earthquake,

Matthew 28:1-6

for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:1-6

[5] But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:1-6

Jesus' Death:
Physical Layer
Spiritual Layer

Jesus' Resurrection:

Jesus' Death:
Physical Layer
Spiritual Layer

Jesus' Resurrection:
Spiritual Layer

[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that,

Romans 6:3-5

just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:3-5

Jesus' Death:
Physical Layer
Spiritual Layer

Jesus' Resurrection:
Spiritual Layer

Jesus' Death:
Physical Layer
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Jesus' Resurrection:
Physical Layer
Spiritual Layer

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

[22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

[26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26

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