

I believe in Jesus Christ

Intro. 'I believe in Jesus': A Faithful Guide

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary

God's Only Son

1. He reveals God the Father because he is God the Son

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1:18 (cf. John 14:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:3)

2. He is the agent of creation and redemption

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 1:3 & 3:16

Implications:

a) Jesus is worthy of worship as our God and Lord

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11 (cf. John 20:28; 2 Peter 1:1)

b) Belief in Jesus is Essential

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Conceived by the Spirit

1. He is the beginning of the new creation

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 1:35 (cf. Genesis 1:2)

2. He is born sinless

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Implications:

a) Jesus is the sinless saviour

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

b) You are a new creation in Christ

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Born of the Virgin

1. His birth fulfils God's plans

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"*

Matthew 1:22-23

2. He is man

Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well.

John 4:6 (cf. Mark 2:16, 4:38; Luke 2:52; John 11:35)

Implications:

a) His birth reaffirms the value of the material world

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

1 John 1:1

b) Be like Jesus

Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing.

Philippians 2:6-7

Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:6