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Reading and Reflection- Session 2: Jesus the Fullness of Revelation

Read the sections of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the back of this page.

Read the Catholic Updates: Who Is Jesus? Finding the Heart of Jesus' Life

Please complete the following sentences or answer the questions.

**Please Print or
Type Your
Responses**

1. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is _____

2. A truth about God that Jesus reveals to us is _____

3. The Paschal Mystery refers to _____

4. The Incarnation refers to _____

5. The Resurrection refers to _____

2. Explain the meaning of the Kingdom of God and relate it to your own call to discipleship.

7. What did you see or hear in this session (or in the reading) that was especially meaningful to you or that helped your faith grow?

Please turn in your reflection at your next session if possible. Thank you.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

#426 “At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father . . . who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever.” To catechize is “to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God’s eternal design reaching fulfillment in that Person. It is to seek to understand the meaning of Christ’s actions and words and of the signs worked by him.” **Catechesis aims at putting “people . . . in communion . . . with Jesus Christ:** only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.”

#427 In catechesis “Christ, the Incarnate Word and Son of God, . . . is taught – everything else is taught with reference to him – and it is Christ alone who teaches – anyone else teaches to the extent that he is Christ’s spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips . . . Every catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: ‘ My teaching is not mine, but his who sent.’”

#428 Whoever is called “to teach Christ” must first seek “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus”; he must suffer “the loss of all things . . . “ in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” and “to know him and the power of his resurrection, and (to) share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible (he) may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

#429 From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him, to “evangelize,” and to leads others to the “yes” of faith in Jesus Christ. But at the same time the need to know this faith better makes itself felt.

#1698 The first and last point of reference of this catechesis will always be Jesus Christ himself, who is “the way, and the truth, and the life.” It is by looking to him in faith that Christ’s faithful can hope that he himself fulfills his promises to them, and that, by loving him with the same love with which he has loved them, they may perform works in keeping with their dignity:

I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head, and that you are one of his members. He belongs to you as the head belongs to its members; all that is his is yours: his spirit, his heart, his body and soul, and all his faculties. You must make use of all these as of your own, to serve, praise, love, and glorify God. You belong to him, as members belong to their head. And so he longs for you to use all that is in you, as if it were his own, for the service and glory of the Father.
(St. John Eudes, *Tract. de admirabili corde Jesu*, 1,5)

For to me, to live is Christ.
(*Phil* 1:21)