

Sola Confirmation Series: Apostles' Creed – Second Article

Test: 130 pts total / Score: _____ Name: _____

Fill in the blanks from the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, and Luther's explanation of it in the Small Catechism: (60 points; 1 point for each blank)

The Second Article:

I _____ in _____ Christ, his only _____, our _____. He was _____ by the _____ of the _____ Spirit and _____ of the _____ Mary. He _____ under Pontius _____, was _____, died, and was _____. He _____ into _____. On the third _____ he _____ again. He _____ into _____, and is _____ at the _____ hand of the _____. He will _____ again to _____ the _____ and the _____.

What does this mean?

I _____ that _____ Christ — true _____, _____ of the _____ from _____, and also true _____, _____ of the virgin _____ — is my _____. He has _____ me, a lost and _____ creature, and has _____ me from _____, _____, and the power of the _____, not with _____ or _____, but with his holy and _____ blood and his innocent _____ and _____. He has _____ all this in order that _____ might be his _____, live _____ him in his _____, and _____ him in everlasting _____, innocence, and _____, even as he is _____ from the _____ and lives and _____ for all _____. This is most _____ true!

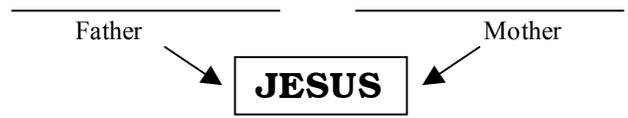
Fill in the traditional names for the days in Holy Week on which these important events took place. (1 point each)

1. _____ = the day Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem
2. _____ = the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas
3. _____ = the day that Jesus died on the cross
4. _____ = the full day Jesus was in the tomb
5. _____ = the morning that Jesus rose from the grave

Fill in the blanks: (12 points; 1 point for each blank)

6. The miracle of God “taking on human flesh” is called the _____ .

7. One way to describe the human and the divine natures of Jesus, would be to draw his family tree with the diagram to the right:



8. Jesus gave his life on the _____ , so that we would be forgiven. For this reason, Jesus is often called: “The Lamb of God who takes away the _____ of the world” (John 1:29).

9. When we say that Jesus _____ us, we mean that he *rescued* us from the power of sin, death, and the devil.

10. Even though the Roman Governor knew that Jesus was _____ of any crime, he _____ Jesus to death. The Governor had a sign placed above the cross that read: “Jesus of _____ , _____ of the Jews.”

11. The word _____ means “to go down” and _____ means “to go up.”

Listed below are a number of the people who were involved in Jesus’ death. Match them with their descriptions by drawing a line between them. There is one extra description you will not use. (10 Points, 1 point each)

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| 12. The Priests | the disciple who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver |
| 13. Judas | the Roman governor of Judea |
| 14. Peter | the people who plotted to have Jesus killed |
| 15. Pontius Pilate | the disciple who denied that he knew Jesus |
| 16. King Herod | the people who shouted for Jesus’ death |
| 17. The Crowds | the person who was forced to carry Jesus' cross |
| 18. Barabbas | the man crucified on the cross next to Jesus |
| 19. Simon of Cyrene | the first person to see Jesus alive again |
| 20. The Soldiers | the local Jewish ruler who mocked Jesus |
| 21. Mary Magdalene | the criminal who was released instead of Jesus |
| | the people who nailed Jesus to the cross |

Match the following “R”-words with their definitions by drawing a line between them. There is one extra definition you will not use. (1 point each)

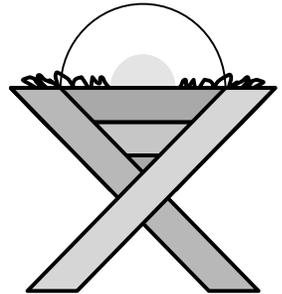
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| 22. Reconcile | to buy something back again |
| 23. Redeem | to bring back together again, to “make up” with someone |
| 24. Resurrection | to decide whether someone will or won’t be punished |
| 25. Resuscitation | to rise from the dead to a new state of being |
| 26. Righteousness | our goodness in God's eyes because of faith |
| | to get a person breathing and their heart pumping |

27. True / False Questions: Circle T or F (18 points; 1 point each)

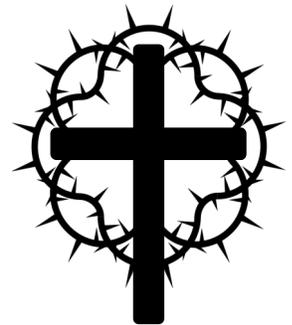
- T F Trinity means: “three-in-one”
- T F Jesus was completely human
- T F Jesus was completely God
- T F Jesus was half human and half God
- T F Jesus’ last name (his family name) is Christ
- T F Jesus must have sinned, because all people sin
- T F Jesus cannot be God and the Son of God at the same time
- T F Since Jesus is divine, he doesn’t know what it’s like to feel pain
- T F Jesus’ mother had four other children before Jesus was born
- T F Jesus was punished for three days in the fires of Hell
- T F After he died, Jesus went to the place all dead people go
- T F After he was resurrected, Jesus descended into heaven
- T F Doctors and paramedics have the power to resurrect people
- T F Everyone who met Jesus believed in him
- T F Jesus has the divine authority to judge the living and the dead
- T F No one can say whether God or the devil will win in the end
- T F Jesus will come again on the last day
- T F Jesus is alive and with us right now

Thought Questions. Please write your answers in complete sentences. (5 points each)

28) In a Christmas nativity-scene, Jesus is usually depicted as a baby lying in an animal trough with a golden halo around his head. What does this depiction say about Jesus as “Emmanuel”?



29) In your own words, explain what Jesus accomplished for us by dying on the cross. With this in mind, why do you think the Bible calls Jesus “our Redeemer”?



30) In what way is the butterfly a good symbol of the resurrection? How does this symbol remind us of what happened to Jesus — as well as our own death and life to come?



31) Describe a time when you felt God’s saving power at work in your life: to bring light out of darkness... forgiveness out of sin... or life out of death. What did Jesus do for you in that situation?
