

Session 8- "Jesus as Prophet, Teacher, and Lord"

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I. Opening prayer

II. Salvation History

A. From the very beginning of the history of humanity, God chose to be part of it. God's saving activity for His people was the Salvation History.

1. The first gospel called the Protoevangelium.
2. The Protoevangelium first announced the Messiah and redeemer, of a battle between the serpent and the woman, and of the final victory of a descendent of hers.
3. Mary was referred to as the "New Eve" by many Church Fathers.
4. Sin often filled the hearts of His people, God wanted to protect and save them. Adam and Eve were forced to leave the garden of paradise because of their sins and were banished to the land of the nomads. He did not want them to suffer.
5. God felt close to His people by a covenant that was not broken.

6. God saved the Israelites again and again from their sins because he had absolute fidelity and love.

B. The Old Covenant

1. Israel was no longer able to seek salvation except by invoking the name of the redeemer God because sin was becoming more universal.
2. Once a year, the high priest invoked the name of God on the Day of Atonement by sprinkling the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the blood of sacrifice.
3. The prophets announced that the covenant had to give way to a new and everlasting covenant, which was written on the heart of every human person.
4. Only God could touch the hearts of His people and save them from their sins.

III. Fulfillment of the Promise: The Good News.

A. "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." ([Gal 4:4-5](#)) (See [CCC 422](#)).

B. God wanted "The free cooperation of a creation," in choosing a body for His Son,

1. God chose Mary, a young Jewish woman, a daughter of Israel from all eternity.
 2. Mary was a virgin, who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David.
- C. Many women who were in the Old Covenant were chosen by God to accomplish His purposes.
- D. "Mary stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord" "and ends the long period of waiting as she becomes "the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established." (LG 55) (See [CCC 489](#)).
- E. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. King Herod the Great and Caesar Augustus, emperor were the leaders at that time.
1. Jesus was a carpenter by trade.
 2. He died crucified in Jerusalem under procurator Pontius Pilate.
 3. We believe and confess that this Jesus "is the eternal Son of God made man." (See [CCC 423](#)).
 4. He came from God and was descended from heaven.

IV. Who is Jesus Christ?

1. The name Jesus means "God saves."
2. He was born of the Virgin Mary.
3. The word Christ comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew, which means "Messiah," which means "Anointed One."
4. Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with power.
5. Jesus was identified by having the title "Son of God," because he had a unique and eternal relationship to God His Father.
6. He is the only Son of God the father and he is God himself.
7. When speaking of Jesus as "Lord," His divine sovereignty is addressed. "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' except for the Holy Spirit." (See [CCC 455](#)).