

THE REDEMPTION:(continued)

Will all men rise from the dead?

All men will rise from the dead, but only those who have been faithful to Christ will share in His glory (in heaven).

When did Christ ascend into heaven?

Christ ascended, BODY AND SOUL, into heaven on Ascension Day, forty days after His Resurrection.

The Resurrection and Ascension are not so much two different mysteries as two aspects of one and the same mystery of Christ's glorification.

Why did Christ remain on earth forty days after his Resurrection?

Christ remained on earth forty days after His Resurrection to PROVE that He had truly risen from the dead (BODY AND SOUL) and to complete the instruction of the apostles.

What do we mean when we say that Christ sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty?

When we say that Christ sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, we mean that Our Lord as God is EQUAL to the Father, and that as man He shares above all the saints in the glory of His Father and exercises for all eternity the supreme authority of a king over ALL creatures.

It does not mean that Christ in heaven is sitting down doing nothing, but that He has the throne of authority. He is KING OVER ALL MEN. The authority of all rulers on earth COMES FROM HIM. In the City of God, ALL things are centered around Jesus Christ the King. The Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday in October.

What do we mean when we say that Christ will come from thence to judge the living and the dead?

When we say that Christ will come from thence to judge the living and the dead, we mean that on the last day Our Lord will come to pronounce a sentence of eternal reward or of eternal punishment on everyone who has ever lived in this world.

THIS DAY WILL BE A FEARFUL DAY FOR THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH - - - EVEN FOR THOSE WITHIN THE CHURCH WHO ARE IN MORTAL SIN!

But for those who love Christ, it will be a GLORIOUS DAY. It is the day for which the Church is CONSTANTLY waiting and praying. It will be the day on which Christ will come and take us all, both the living and the dead, to be with Him body and soul forever in heaven.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we make the satisfaction of Christ our own?
2. Where did Christ's Soul go immediately after death? What was the purpose?
3. Did Christ rise from the dead or did the Father raise Him?
4. Is Christ King on this country?
5. Is the second coming of Christ something to fear? Explain.
6. Could Christ have stopped the soldiers from nailing Him to the Cross?
7. The five chief sufferings of Christ, which we think of in the Five Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, are...