

Which Jesus Will You Trust?

The Lord Jesus warned us, "If anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ, do not believe him'" (Matthew 24:23). Yet this is what Catholic priests proclaim each time they lift up the Eucharist. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist becomes "the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ...

[such that] the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained" (CCC, 1374). This is done so that "the same Christ who offered himself" on the cross can "be offered" on Catholic altars (CCC, 1367).

How can we know if the Eucharist is truly the Lord Jesus or a false Christ? The Apostle Paul warned us that some will preach another Jesus whom the apostles never preached (2 Corinthians 11:4). Therefore, the accuracy of every teaching must be tested with the word of God (Acts 17:11). Jesus proclaimed, "It is finished," so we know it cannot be Jesus who is being offered daily on Catholic altars (John 19:30). "There is no longer any offering for sin" (Hebrews 10:18).

Jesus Will Return A Second Time

The Bible gives precise details about the return of Christ so that no one will be deceived. The true Jesus does not return every day in the Eucharist as an offering for sins. "He will appear a second

time, not to bear sin" (Hebrews 9:28). When He returns it will be with power and great glory in a physical body, the same way He ascended to heaven (Matthew 24:27-30; Acts 1:11).

Jesus Is The Only Savior

Peter declared: "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Yet Catholics deny that Jesus is the only name for salvation. "In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints... In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers" (CCC, 1477).

Jesus Saves Forever

Jesus "is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Jesus promises they will never perish because He gives them eternal life and He will never cast them out (John 6:37-39; 10:28). Catholics have no such assurance. The Catholic Jesus offers only conditional life. After the sacrament of baptism each Catholic is placed on probation and must strive to remain in God's favor through good works, sacraments and law keeping (CCC, 1129, 2068). Those who die in a state of mortal sin will suffer in hell's eternal fire (CCC, 1035).

Jesus Is The Only Sinless Mediator

God's perfect man and man's perfect God is the only one qualified to be "the mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5).



Only in Him can those who were formerly far off, be brought near by His blood (Ephesians 2:13). Only in Christ can sin, which separated sinners from God, be removed (Isaiah 59:2). The Catholic Jesus is robbed of His glory and honor by the

Catholic Mary who is called a sinless Mediatrix. "Without a single sin to restrain her... she became the cause of salvation for herself and the whole human race" (CCC, 494).

Jesus Saves Completely

The Lord Jesus gave His life for those who hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:4-16). His death forgave all their sins and cancelled their complete sin debt (Colossians 2:13-14). By one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified (Hebrews 10:14). Catholicism denies this by teaching the sinner must "expiate or make satisfaction for his sins" (CCC, 1459). Catholics can remit temporal punishment for themselves, and for the dead through indulgences (CCC, 1471).

Jesus Purifies All Sin

Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from sin because "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 1:7). When Jesus made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3). The blood of the Catholic Jesus is not the only cleansing agent for sin. After death Catholics "undergo purification [through a cleansing fire in Purgatory], so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC, 1030-31).

How Will You Respond?

Will you repent and forsake everything that cannot save you — the sacrifice of the Mass, the sacraments, good works, purgatory, indulgences and Mary? Will you believe the true message of Jesus Christ and be sealed with the Holy Spirit, thus guaranteeing your glorious inheritance? (Ephesians 1:13-14). Jesus said, "if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins" (John 8:24).

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