

# Faithbuilders Bible Class

Motto: *“If your Sundays don’t change your Mondays, then what’s the point?”*

Foundational Purpose: **to know what we believe and why we believe it.**

# Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

# Apostle's Creed

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Nicene Creed

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

# Nicene Creed

- Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

# Nicene Creed

- And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
- And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

# Behold, the Virgin

The unique birth of  
Jesus Christ

Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:  
Behold, the virgin shall  
conceive and bear a Son, and  
shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7: 14  
NKJV



And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed  
and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise  
His heel."

Genesis 3: 15  
NKJV

Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:  
Behold, the *virgin* shall  
conceive and bear a Son, and  
shall call His name Immanuel.

almah

betulah

parthenos

Isaiah 7: 14  
NKJV

Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:  
Behold, the virgin shall  
conceive and bear a Son, and  
shall call His name *Immanuel*.

God with us  
Isaiah 8: 8,10

Isaiah 7: 14  
NKJV

For unto us a child is born...

Isaiah 9: 1-7

All this took place to fulfill...

Matthew 1: 18-23

Matthew 4: 13-16

Luke 1: 29-33

How will this be, since....?

Luke 1: 34

I have come down from heaven

John 6: 38, 41-42

## *How did the virgin Mary conceive?*

*“We sent to her Our Spirit (Gabriel) in the resemblance of a perfect human. (And when she saw him) she said: 'I take refuge in the Merciful from you! If you are fearful.' 'I am the Messenger of your Lord,' he replied, 'and have come to give you a pure boy.' 'How shall I bear a son,' she answered, 'when I am not touched by a human and not unchaste?'*

**Quran 19 (Mary) : 17-22**

**Qaribullah Translation - footnotes**



But when the time had fully  
come, God sent His Son,  
born of a woman....

Galatians 4: 4-5

Jacob the father of Joseph,  
the husband of Mary,  
of whom was born Jesus

Matthew 1: 1-16

# Mary

Matthew 1: 2, 6

Luke 1: 32-33

Matthew 1: 16

Mary  
treasured in her heart

Luke 2: 16-19, 48-51

Mary

Faith

Highly favored  
Unshakeable

Luke 1: 28-30, 38

Mary  
Grounded in Scripture

Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

Mary  
Theotokos, Mater Dei –  
God-bearer, Mother of God

Immaculate Conception (1854)

Perpetual Virgin

Assumption (1950)

Queen of Heaven

He did not have marital relations (union) with her until she had given birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

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Matthew 1: 18-25



"Isn't this the carpenter's son?  
Isn't his mother's name Mary,  
and aren't his brothers James,  
Joseph, Simon and Judas?  
Aren't all his sisters with us?  
Where then did this man get all  
these things?"

Matthew 13: 53-56

Every year his parents [Mary & Joseph] went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he [Jesus] was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.

Luke 2: 41-42

# **Ineffabilis Deus**

## **The Immaculate Conception**

Pope BI. Pius IX - 1854

“We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.”

...unlike the original sin that we as humans inherit at the moment of conception, Mary was exempt from this sin, and in like manner, was not subject to sin throughout her life.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

## Mary - "ever-virgin"

499 The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. In fact, Christ's birth "did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it." and so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the "Ever-virgin".

**APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION OF  
POPE PIUS XII  
*MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS*  
DEFINING THE DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION  
*November 1, 1950***

God does not will to grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come.

5. Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.



6. Thus, when it was solemnly proclaimed that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin, the minds of the faithful were filled with a stronger hope that the day might soon come when the dogma of the Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven would also be defined by the Church's supreme teaching authority.

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

Mary  
Theotokos, Mater Dei –  
God-bearer, Mother of God

Immaculate Conception (1854)

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Queen of Heaven

The virgin birth

a salvation doctrine?

# The Word of God

**Flawless** – Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 18: 30

**Eternal, Immutable** – Psalm 119:89

**True** – Psalm 33:4

**Creation** – Psalm 33:6, 9

# The Word of God

Eternal, God, creation,

Immanuel – John 1: 1-3, 14

Truth, Life – John 14: 6

God/Man – Philippians 2: 5-11

# The Word of God The High Priest

Eternal, Sympathetic, Flawless,  
Submissive, Servant, Salvation,  
Intercessor

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Hebrews 5: 7-10

Hebrews 7: 23-28



Through man > sin, death

Psalm 51: 5

I Corinthians 15: 22

Romans 5: 12

but a virgin birth...

Luke 1: 26-38

Jesus' supernatural birth  
Our supernatural re-birth

John 3: 3-8

Jesus Christ  
Fully God – Fully Man

“You thought  
I was altogether like you”

Psalm 50: 21

On the line for parishioners of St Mary's and several other parishes in Queensland and NSW are fundamental church doctrines such as who can celebrate Mass, whether Jesus Christ was God, whether Mary had as many as six children, the bodily Resurrection, and the need for sacramental celebrations for same-sex marriages.

A NSW priest, Peter Dresser of Coonamble in the Diocese of Bathurst, insists Jesus was not God and did not think he was God.

In "God is Big. Real Big!"

Father Dresser says:

"This whole matter regarding Jesus being God ... not only does violence to my own intelligence, but must be a sticking point for millions of people trying to make some kind of sense of the Christian religion ... No human being can ever be God, and Jesus was a human being.

It is as simple as that."

Father Dresser said he found his own rural flock "very conservative" and admitted that many of them found his theology difficult to accept.

He said he had rethought his approach after taking an interest in science. "I'm delighted they're opening up the debate at St Mary's," he said. In his book, Father Dresser claims Mary had as many as six children, Joseph was the father of Jesus and the bodily Resurrection is not to be taken literally.

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Behold, the Virgin

Jesus Christ

Fully God – Fully Man

Without sin

Prophecy Fulfilled

Our Salvation