

Foundations of Faith (A Catechism for Today)

Lesson 16 – April 16

Question 43: How did Jesus fulfil the office of king?

Jesus was a servant king. His royal power was shown in his mastery over sickness, sin and death, yet revealed in weakness, lowliness, and the apparent defeat of the cross. As the exalted and resurrected Son of God, he reigns as King over all creation.

Jn 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world.”

Mt 2:1-2 Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have...come to pay him homage.”

Mt 27:37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Lk 19:38, 23:28

38 “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD ! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

28 But Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Mk 15:26

26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, “The King of the Jews.”

Jn 19:19

19 And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Rev 17:14

14 Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”

Question 44: What does Jesus ministry teach us about God?

In his ministry of healing the sick, feeding the hungry, freeing people from bondage to demons and proclaiming the reign of God, Jesus revealed a loving God who is concerned with all of life. In sharing meals with outsiders, showing mercy to sinners and even forgiving those who nailed him to the cross, Jesus revealed a God who embraces all and whose salvation extends to the ends of the earth.

Mt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among people.

Acts 10:38 How [Jesus] went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Mt 9:11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Lk 23:34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Mt 8:13

13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.

Mk 7:31-37

31 Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. 32 A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. 33 Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man’s tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, which means, “Be opened!” 35 Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! 36 Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news. 37 They were completely amazed and said again and again, “Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak.”

Lk 5:17, 9:2

17 One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus.

2 Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Jn 5:15

15 Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Mt 15:32-39

32 Then Jesus called his disciples and told them, “I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the way.” 33 The disciples replied, “Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd?” 34 Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?” They replied, “Seven loaves, and a few small fish.” 35 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. 36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to the disciples, who distributed the food to the crowd. 37 They all ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. 38 There were 4,000 men who were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children. 39 Then Jesus sent the people home, and he got into a boat and crossed over to the region of Magadan.

Mk 8:1-10

1 About this time another large crowd had gathered, and the people ran out of food again. Jesus called his disciples and told them, 2 “I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. 3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a long distance.” 4 His disciples replied, “How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?” 5 Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?” “Seven loaves,” they replied. 6 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd. 7 A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also

blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them. 8 They ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. 9 There were about 4,000 people in the crowd that day, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten. 10 Immediately after this, he got into a boat with his disciples and crossed over to the region of Dalmanutha.

Jn 6:1-14

1 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. 3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. 4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) 5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" 6 He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" 8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. 9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" 10 "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. 12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." 13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. 14 When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!"

Question 45: Why does the Apostles' Creed emphasize that Jesus "suffered under Pontius Pilate?"

First, it locates God's saving act in history. Secondly, it teaches us that the Judge was judged in our place, so that through him we might stand acquitted before God. Thirdly, it reminds us of the complicity of people of authority in the death of Jesus.

Mt 27:26 So he [Pilate] released Barabbas for them and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree".

2 Cor 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lk 18:32-33 "For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again."

Mk 15:15

15 So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Lk 23:24-25

24 So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. 25 As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

Jn 19:16

16 Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified. The Crucifixion So they took Jesus away.