

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

September 25, 2022

The Apostles' Creed:

What It Means, and Why It Matters

“Born to Die”

Scripture: St. Mark 8: 27-36 (English Standard Version)

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

~ SERMON NOTES ~

Today we are considering the 3rd Article in the Apostles' Creed as we continue rediscovering ancient Christianity:

“I believe...in Jesus Christ...who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.”

The ultimate, overarching motif of this article is the cross of Christ and its meaning in our daily lives:

1. The Cross of Christ _____.

Jesus did not ask us to remember his birth nor His resurrection, but in the *Last Supper*, Jesus specifically said to remember His death.

2. The Cross of Christ _____.

The cross is the great divide. We find fulfillment in following Christ into the uncomfortable places of life.

3. The Cross of Christ _____.

The power of Christ made known through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose in this life now!
