

**Mid Week Advent 3  
December 20, 2017**



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Readings From the Catechism

- P** **121. What two natures, therefore, are united in the one person of Jesus Christ?**
- C** The divine and the human natures are united in Jesus Christ. This personal union began when He became man (incarnation) and continues forever.
- P** and **C** **John 1:14** The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- P** and **C** **1 Timothy 3:16** Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body.
- P** and **C** **Colossians 2:9** In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.
- P** and **C** **Isaiah 9:6** To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- P** **122. Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true man?**
- P** and **C** Christ had to be true man in order to
- A. act in our place under the Law and fulfill it for us (active obedience);
- P** and **C** **Galatians 4:4-5** When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
- P** and **C** **Romans 5:19** Just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.
- B. be able to suffer and die for our guilt because we failed to keep the Law (passive obedience).
- P** and **C** **Colossians 1:22** He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.
- P** **123. Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true God?**
- P** and **C** Christ had to be true God in order that
- A. His fulfilling of the Law, His life, suffering, and death might be a sufficient ransom for all people;
- P** and **C** **Psalms 49:7** No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him.

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### The Old Testament Reading Proverbs 4:18

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

### The First Gospel Reading John 1:1-12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was **the light of men**. [5] The **light shines** in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was **not the light**, but came to bear witness about **the light**. [9] The **true light**, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

### The Second Gospel Reading John 3:16-21

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order

that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is **true comes to the light**, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

### The Third Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, **on them a light has dawned.**" <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."