

*The Word was made
flesh and dwelt
among us.*

Jn 1:14



The Mystery of the **INCARNATION**

FOR US MEN
AND
FOR OUR SALVATION,
GOD BECAME MAN!



Detail from *Staircase Chapel*
Michelangelo Buonarroti
1508-1512



In carnation

What?

= The Son of God

(2nd Person of the Trinity)

takes on a full human nature

(a body and soul like ours)

in order to save us

& at the same time remains fully God

CCC 461,464

Incarnation



~ 18 B.C.

Mary's Immaculate Conception



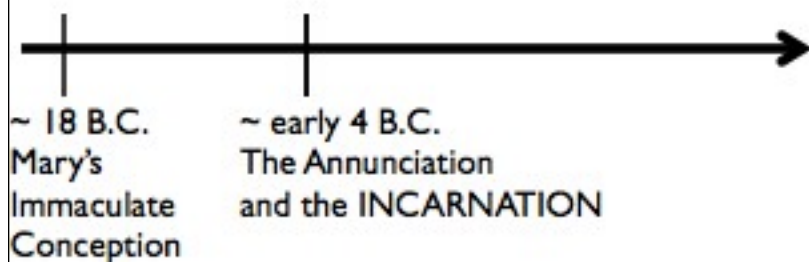
**The meeting of
Anne and
Joachim
the parents of Mary**

Meeting of Anne
and Joachim
Gothic of Burgundy
1304-06



Presentation of the
Virgin Mary
Gothic of Burgundy
1304-06

Incarnation





Incarnation

Who?

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(The 2nd Person of the Trinity)

NOTE:

One Divine Person

CCC 464-469, 479

Time Period	Before the Incarnation (before 4 B.C.)	After the Incarnation (4 B.C. and following)
Name(s)	Son of God Word of God Eternal Word	Jesus Christ Emmanuel Bread of Life
Person - WHO	2 nd Person of Trinity	2 nd Person of Trinity
Number & Type of Person	One Divine Person	One Divine Person
Nature - WHAT Number & Type of Nature	One Divine Nature	One Divine Nature & One human nature

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The Son of God

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Before the
Incarnation:

- Possesses and uses the same Divine Nature as the Father and the Holy Spirit; exists with them
- Uses the Divine Nature to create the world

After the
Incarnation:

- Possesses and uses the same Divine Nature as the Father and the Holy Spirit; exists with them
- Possesses and uses a human nature

The TRUTH about Jesus Christ

ONE DIVINE PERSON

The Son



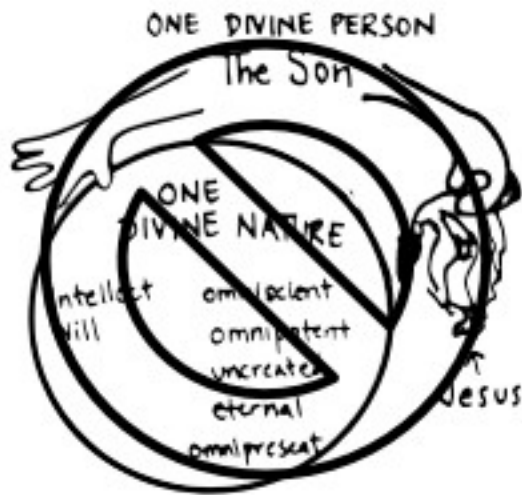
Errors concerning Jesus Christ

Docetism

= Jesus is only God but
APPEARS to us to be a man



Errors concerning Jesus Christ



Errors concerning Jesus Christ

Nestorianism

= Jesus is NOT a Divine Person; Jesus is a
human person in whom the Son of God dwells



Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.) =

Jesus is One DIVINE Person; NOT a human person

Errors concerning Jesus Christ



Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) =
Jesus is FULLY God and FULLY man

Errors concerning Jesus Christ

Monophysitism
= Jesus only has ONE NATURE:
the Divine Nature

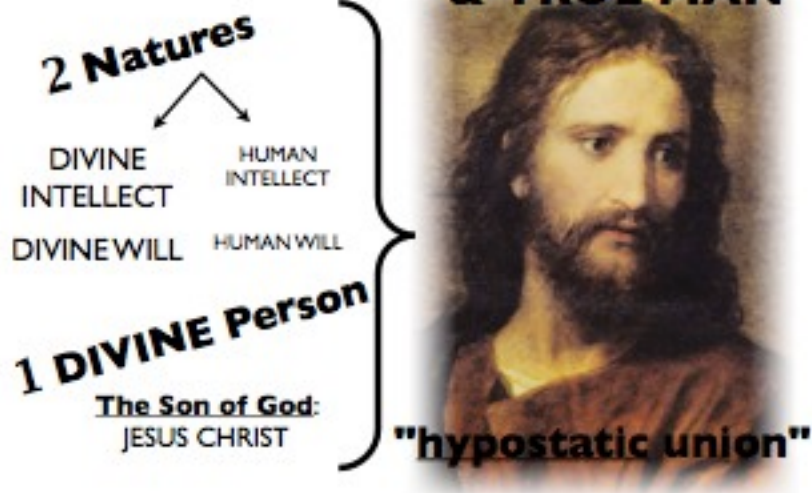


Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) =
Jesus is FULLY God and FULLY man

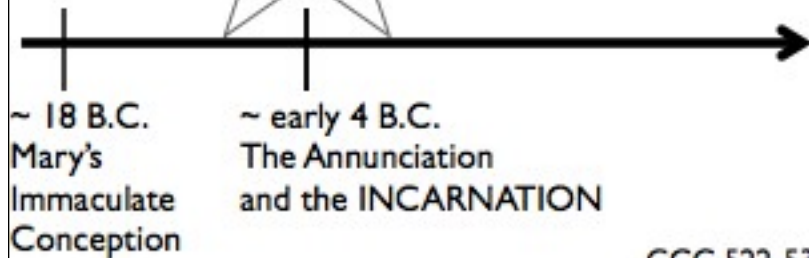
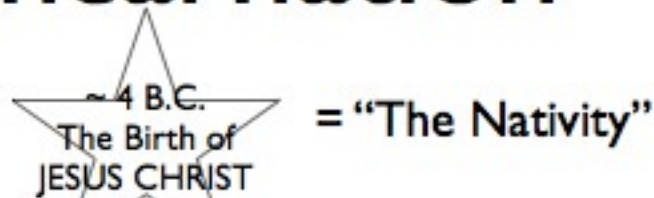
The TRUTH about Jesus Christ



JESUS CHRIST is TRUE GOD & TRUE MAN



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CCC 522-530



Life of Christ detail
Pisa, 1480

Incarnation

1. To save us

Why?

2. To show us God's love

3. To show us the way

4. To give us a share in God's life
through grace

CCC 456-460

The Paschal Mystery

= Christ's work of
REDEMPTION



1. Suffering
2. Death
3. Resurrection
4. Ascension

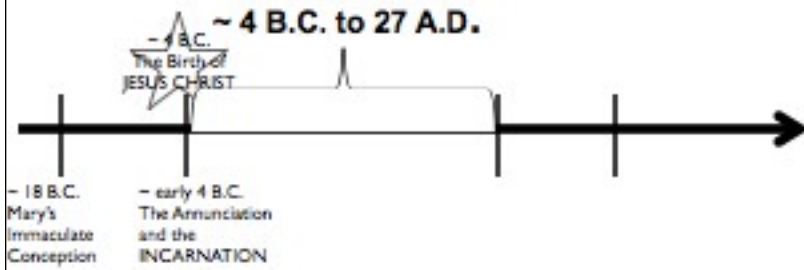
The Paschal Mystery is foreshadowed

1. In the Old Testament
2. In the Hidden Life of Christ

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The Hidden Life of Christ

~ 4 B.C. to 27 A.D.



CCC 531-534



The Presentation in the Temple (fresco)
Fres. Angelico
1425-1430



Flight into Egypt
Fres. Angelico
1425



Massacre of the Innocents
F. Angelus
1617



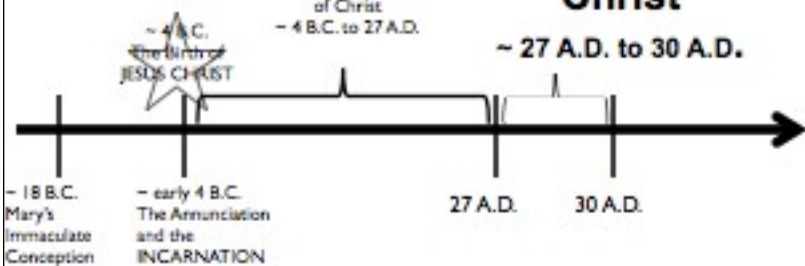
St. Joseph the Carpenter
Georges de la Tour
1640

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The Public Ministry of Christ

The Hidden Life of Christ
~ 4 B.C. to 27 A.D.

~ 27 A.D. to 30 A.D.





Baptism of Christ
Pisa, 1427



Temptation of Christ
1291-1301
Pisa, 1427

The Public Ministry of Christ

= Christ's inaugurating the Church
(Kingdom of God on earth)



1. Preaching
2. Governing
3. Sanctifying



Discourse on the Mount (ca. 20)
Fieschi, Angelo
14-18

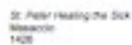


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Scenes from the Life of Christ
Fieschi, Angelo
14-18







Raising of the Son of Theophilus
Raphael
1426

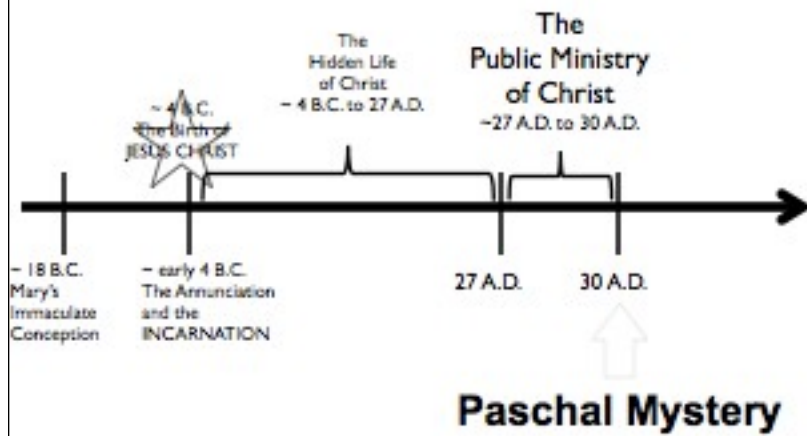
The Paschal Mystery

is the FINAL STAGE
of His
Public Ministry

CCC 599-600



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The Paschal Mystery

“He was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
He suffered,
died,
and was buried.
He descended into hell.”



Detail in London (wall 31)
Fris. Raphael
1480

The Paschal Mystery

“The third day

He rose again
from the dead,
in fulfillment of the
Scriptures.”



The Resurrection
Fris. Raphael
1480



The Paschal Mystery

“He ascended into Heaven.”



Ascension of Jesus Christ
Fra Angelico
1450

The Paschal Mystery

“He will come again
in glory to judge
the living and the dead.”



The Last Judgment
Fra Angelico
1430

The Paschal Mystery

“and His Kingdom will
have no end...”



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