

## Chapter 7 – The Good News: God Has Sent His Son

If we want to know Jesus, we should know the Scriptures.

Central to all that Jesus did and taught was the Kingdom of God. The Paschal Mystery is the heart of the Kingdom.

In its early history the Church struggled to combat several heresies, false teachings that either claimed that Jesus was only divine or only human. The Council of Nicea reaffirmed the faith of the Church that Jesus was really God. The Council of Chalcedon professed that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. His divine and human natures remain together without confusion, change, separation, or division. The Second Council of Constantinople proclaimed that there is only one person – a divine person – in Jesus Christ. The human acts of Jesus are also attributed to his divine person.

If the crucifixion and Resurrection were events that involved God only, then we are not saved. If Jesus was not divine, he would have been just another good man whose death and Resurrection could not have saved us.

Reflection:

- Jesus is true God and true man. What is the value for our faith life in appreciating this truth of Revelation?
- What happens if we forget any aspect of Christ's identity?