We Believe... in Jesus Christ His Son

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John 1:1-3, 14

In the beginning was the Word (logos: Divine expression), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4-13... 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.

We believe...

1. GOD BECAME ONE OF US

... in Jesus Christ his <u>only Son our Lord</u>: who was <u>conceived by the Holy Spirit</u>, <u>born of the Virgin Mary</u>,

Matthew 1:20-23

20 ... "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21... All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" — which means, "God with us."

We believe...

2. GOD SUFFERED AND DIED FOR OUR SAKE

[Jesus] <u>suffered</u> under Pontius Pilate, was <u>crucified</u>, <u>dead</u>, and <u>buried</u>;

John 19

I Then <u>Pilate</u> took Jesus and <u>had him flogged</u>. 2 The soldiers twisted together a <u>crown of thorns and put it on his head</u>... 3... And they <u>struck him in the face</u>. 4-15... 16 Finally <u>Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified</u>... 17-29... 30 ... Jesus said, "<u>It is finished</u>." With that, he bowed his head and <u>gave up his spirit</u>.

We believe...

3. GOD ROSE AND ASCENDED IN POWER

The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

Matthew 28:5-6

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 <u>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said...</u>

Acts 1:9

9 After [Jesus] said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 5:30-32

30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things...

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4. GOD REIGNS WITH AUTHORITY

And [Jesus] sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Matthew 26:63-64

63 ... The high priest said to [Jesus], "I charge you under oath by the living God: <u>Tell us if you are the Christ</u>, the <u>Son of God</u>." 64 "Yes, <u>it is as you say</u>," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."