

Catechism Course 2021
Clondalkin
#8 The Life of Jesus Christ

Jesus' life reveals to us who God is and how we are to be redeemed. The details recorded in the Gospel are not for idle historical curiosity.

In the seasons of the Church's liturgical calendar (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary time, Lent etc) we recall and relive the mysteries of Christ's life.

Some of the important events:

Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ

c6BC Conception. Birth in Bethlehem
to 24AD Hidden life
to 27AD Public ministry (3 yrs)
27AD Death, Resurrection and Ascension

Announced by the Prophets.
John the Baptist
Christmas
Epiphany
Presentation at the Temple
Baptism
Temptations in the wilderness
Proclamation of the Kingdom
Deeds and words
Transfiguration
Go to Jerusalem...

We should seek to know Jesus not as a historical figure but as a friend: 'I call you friends' (Jn 15:15). Jesus remains with us: 'I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.' Mt 28:20). We are close to Jesus because we are part of his mystical body, the Church. We find Jesus in the sacraments, particularly in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in other people, particularly in the poor, in personal prayer.

Further Reference

Read through the Gospels. A good place to start is Mark.

Catechism paragraphs 512-570

Fulton Sheen, *The life of Christ*

Sheed, *To know Jesus Christ*

Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth* trilogy

Eugene Boylan, *This Tremendous Lover*. A good spiritual classic on getting to know Christ.