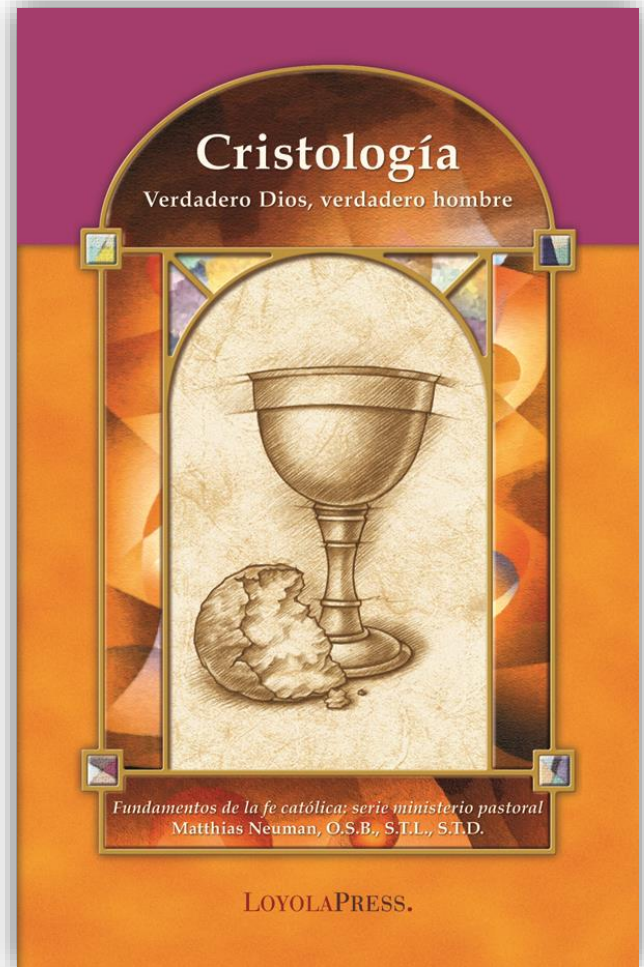


Christology: True God, True Man



Study Guide

- What is Christology?
- Why do we study it?
- Fascination with historical Jesus
- Jesus of religious faith
- Origins of Christology in Theology
- European and Latin American Christology:
Complementary experiences

Introduction

- Getting to know Jesus Christ
- Catholic tradition
- Main points of Christian-Catholic faith in Jesus Christ
 - Human and historical realities
 - Resurrection
 - Incarnation
 - History of Salvation
 - Jesus Christ, prime expression of humanity and divinity

Main Points of Christian-Catholic Faith

- Human and historical reality
- Resurrection
- Incarnation
- History of Salvation
- Jesus Christ, the fullness of humanity and divinity
- Christ's true presence amongst us
- Jesus Christ, Lord of history

New Testament's Testimony

- The *GDC*, 98
- Faith and history
- Mystery of resurrection
- Jesus' Divinity
- Contribution of the International Theological Commission

Jesus' Life History

- Titles bestowed upon Jesus in the Gospels
- *Gaudium et spes*, 22
- Humanity and divinity
- The Council of Trent
- The Nicene Creed, step by step from Nicaea to Constantinople
- Jesus' childhood

Main Events in the Life of Jesus

- Baptism
- Temptations
- Proclaiming God's Kingdom
- Parables
- His healing ministry
- The disciples
- The Passion and death

Main Events as a Mystery

- Mystery: endless vs. inexplicable
- Church catechism, 516 and 521
- Role of historical investigations in faith
- The Study of Jesus must lead to emulation; discipleship, not knowledge, makes the difference

Christology and the First Councils

- What is an Ecumenical Council?
 - Convoled by...
 - Attended by...
 - Bishops as theological advisors...
 - Current themes...
 - Number of councils in the history of the Church...
 - Second Council of the Vatican

Christology and the First Councils

- Confusion about Christ
- A tradition of the Catholic Church
- Ecumenical councils
 - Logos
 - Nicaea (325)
 - Constantinople
 - Chalcedon (451)
- Two approaches to Christology

Subsequent Christological Beliefs

- Redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ
 - Redemption, explanation of terms
 - Biblical texts
 - The Fathers of the Church
 - Christian thinkers
 - After Reformation
 - Response of the Council of Trent

Subsequent Christological Beliefs

- Contemporary ecclesiastic documents
 - Joint declaration on the doctrine of justification
 - Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - Evangelii Nuntiandi, 9
 - Gaudium et spes, 22
 - International Theological Commission

Subsequent Christological Beliefs

- Christology and theology
 - Origin and development of theology as a science
 - Theology originating from Biblical texts
 - Christology in the four Gospels
 - Christology in the writings of the New Testament

Subsequent Christological Beliefs

- Contemporary concerns
 - Balance between humanity and divinity
 - Remembering the connection between celestial Jesus and the Glorified Christ
 - Language of the first councils in relation to contemporary language
 - The effect of the Holy Ghost on the life of Jesus
 - Christology in context

Images of Christ in Catholic Spirituality

- Meaning of an image
- Practical issues with regards to “ownership” of an image
- Images in Catholic spirituality

Images of Christ in Catholic Spirituality

- Images of Jesus
 - God's Incarnate Word
 - Word of God
 - Divine Bridegroom
 - Suffering and Crucified Savior
 - Divine Savior

Images of Christ in Catholic Spirituality

- Christology and spirituality
 - Prayer
 - Discipleship
 - Following Christ

Christ is Still With Us

- Presences of Christ
- Other ways in which Christ manifests Himself

Permanent Presence of Christ in the Church

- Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, 7
- Luke 24, the Emmaus experience
- Presence of the Resurrected Christ in post-resurrection texts
- Other ecclesiastic documents

Presence of Christ in Prayer

- Matthew 18:20
- In Christian life and in work
- In official places of worship
- In the privacy of our hearts
- In temptation and suffering

Conclusion

- What did we unlearn in this course?
- What new things did we learn?
- In what way does this help us become better Christians?
- How will your family benefit from this course?

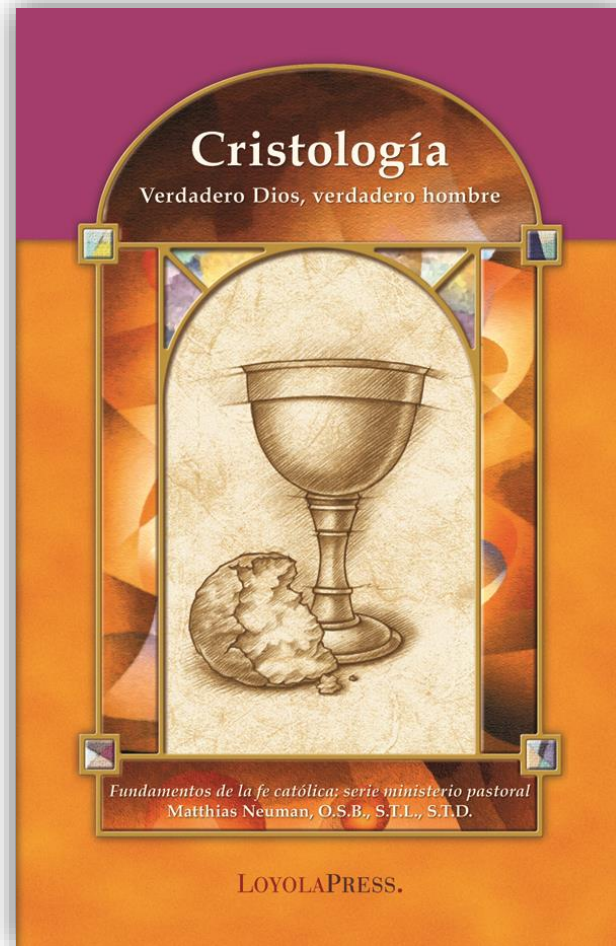
Pastoral applications

- Popular Christological celebrations
- Christological celebrations in the liturgical calendar
- Hispanic devotion to the suffering Christ
- To which Christ do you pray? Why?

Activities

- Together, set up an altar with images or statues of the Christs you have at home.
- Write a creed, in other words, what you believe about Christ, as if you were to bequeath it to other cultures.
- Read the leaflet written by Benjamín Bravo (*Jesus of Nazareth*, Loyola Press 2006).

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