

Slide 1: Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus to Me?

Slide 2: Christ the Redeemer

Slide 3: What does it mean to be redeemed?

Slide 4: Atonement

Origen: The Ransom theory - Price of atonement paid to the devil by God in Christ. Mark 10:45 - For the son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

St. Anselm: satisfaction theory - The atonement of Jesus was paid to God the Father. Because of their sinfulness people, could not pay for their transgressions of the law. Jesus as man who was not sinful had to pay the price for our sinfulness.

Peter Abelard: The Exemplarist Theory - Because of Christ's love for people, his death on the cross was a sign of that love for them. This love invoked in the sinner a response to love which removed the sin.

Slide 5: Misericordissimus Redemptor "Most Merciful Redeemer" Pope Pius XI - For as in olden time when mankind came forth from Noe's ark, God set His "bow in the clouds" (Genesis ix, 13), shining as the sign of a friendly covenant; so in the most turbulent times of a more recent age, when the Jansenist heresy, the most crafty of them all, hostile to love and piety towards God, was creeping in and preaching that God was not to be loved as a father but rather to be feared as an implacable judge; then the most benign Jesus showed his own most Sacred Heart to the nations lifted up as a standard of peace and charity portending no doubtful victory in the combat.

Slide 6: Hebrew & Jewish Tradition - What did Jesus take from the tradition and make it his own? What did he disregard?

Slide 7: Old Testament understanding of Redemption: Restoration – reestablishing relationships.

Family Bond - Ruth 4:1-11 - Basic understanding of Redemption in the early tradition.

Individual bond to God - Job 19:13-19 & 25-27 - People have abandoned Job but God is his redeemer.

Community bond to God - Isaiah 40-60; 43:1-3 - God is seen as the redeemer of the Hebrew people.

Slide 8: Jesus as redeemer; go'el - Romans 8:29 & 3:21-26

God is our father - Mt 6:9-13 - The prayer that Jesus taught makes his followers children of God.

Mary is our Mother - Jn 19:25-27 - Jesus gives his mother to the beloved disciple at the cross which once again shows the family bond.

We are family - Mt. 6:9-13 - Jesus says that anyone who does the will of his heavenly father is brother, sister and mother to him.

Slide 9: Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

Slide 10: Map

Slide 11: Since the members are called to continue the presence of Christ and his Mission of Redemption in the world, they choose the person of Christ as the center of their life. #23

Union with Christ - Each member strives to grow each day into a personal union with Jesus.

His Spirit of Love - The Redeemer himself is at the heart of the community which forms it and sustains it by his spirit of Love.

Union with each other - The closer their union with Christ, the stronger will become their union with each other.