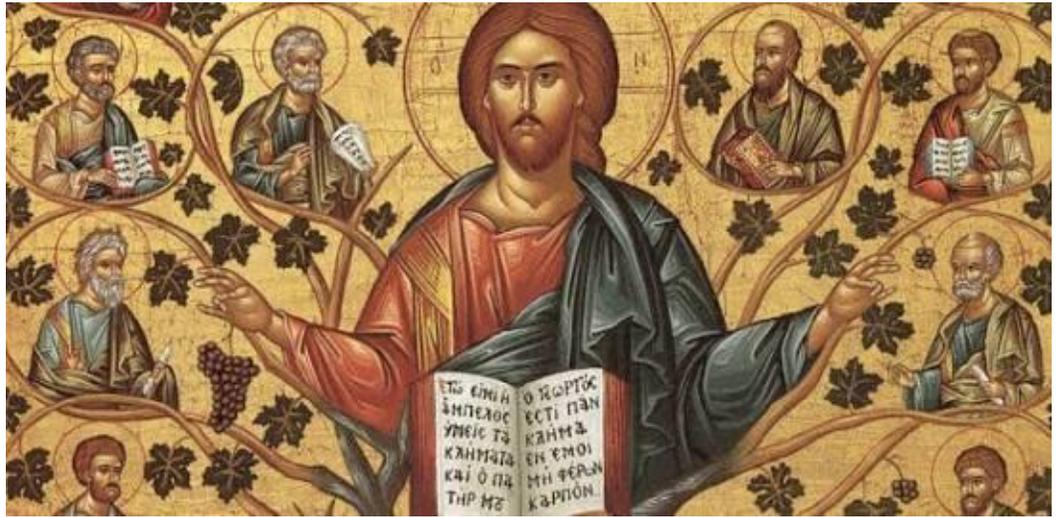


Walking with God Session Twelve

Chapter 12: The Church



Reflect:

- The empty tomb and the empty prison cell point to God's Divine action. What do you have to empty yourself of so that the Lord can work His wonders in you?
- The prophet Ezekiel foresaw the *Shekinah*, the Glory Cloud of the Lord, leaving the Temple. He prophesied that the Spirit of the Lord would return to His people. Do you sense the Holy Spirit at work in your life?
- What does it mean to you to be Catholic? Has your sense of your Catholic identity changed during the course of this study?

Act One: Witnesses in Jerusalem

- See the chart on page 263 and relate it to Acts 1:1 – “all that Jesus *began* to do and teach.”
- How does Apostolic Succession begin?
- Compare the Jewish Feast of Pentecost with the Catholic Feast of Pentecost.
- Does our Catholic community worship in the same way as the early Church?
- How does the martyrdom of Stephen and the persecution of the Catholics strengthen the Church?



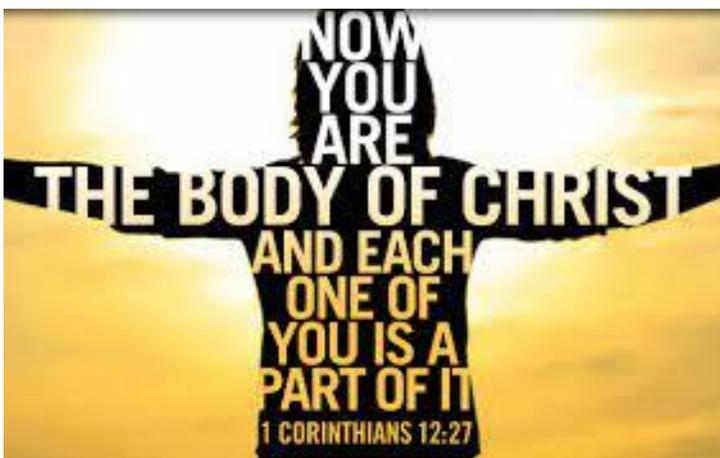
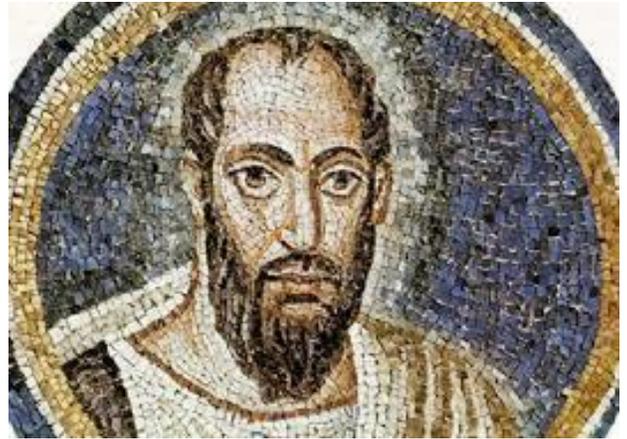
Act Two: Witnesses in Judea and Samaria

- How does Peter realize that the Gentile-Jewish division is healed in the New Covenant?
- Why does Peter go to Rome? Why is his presence there important?
- What is the geographical importance of Damascus?
- How did Jesus show Paul “the Way”?
- Consider 2 Cor 11:23-29 (Paul’s litany of suffering). Did it live up to God’s Word to him through Ananias: “I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of the Name?”
- How are Catholics incorporated into the Body of Christ? Is this meant figuratively or literally?



Act Three: Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth

- Why is the conversion of Sergius Paulus so crucial to the spread of the Gospel?
- Has the Catholic Church always been hierarchical? How do we know?
- Paul employs words in a countercultural sense. What are some of your favorite examples of this trait of Paul?
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- Were Paul’s stops along his missionary journeys haphazard or carefully planned?



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