

Lesson 8

Please read paragraphs 422-483 and then answer the following questions:

1. In # 422 we are told that God the Father “*acted far beyond all expectation*” in sending us his own “*beloved Son*.” What does this mean?
2. # 425 makes it clear that every Catholic is to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. In other words, every Catholic should try to be a good evangelizer. In your opinion, are most Catholics good evangelizers? Why or why not? In what ways do you try to evangelize others?
3. Some would accuse Catholicism of being a religion of “rules and regulations”--a religion centered on laws. Based on what we are told in the Catechism, how would you respond to such an accusation?
4. "Jesus is, first and foremost, a teacher." "Jesus is, first and foremost, a moralist." "Jesus is, first and foremost, a wise man." Based on what we are told in # 430, are any of these statements true?
5. Why did Jesus accept the title of Messiah “*with some reserve*?” (#'s 439-440)
6. As we are told in # 441, the title “*son of God*” was applied to a number of different individuals in the Old Testament. How is the title “*Son of God*” unique as it applies to Jesus? In other words, when we use this title of our Lord, what are we saying about him? (#'s 442-445)
7. Jehovah's Witnesses say that Jesus is not God. How would you respond to such an assertion, given what you have read in this section (up through # 455)?
8. In #'s 457-460 four reasons are given as to why the “*Word became flesh*”. How do these insights relate to your everyday life?
9. The Jehovah's Witnesses are not Christians. True or False? (# 463)
10. Some non-Catholics will refer to Mary as “the mother of Jesus” but not as “*the Mother of God*”. What do we mean when we call Mary “*the Mother of God*”? (# 466)
11. Why can it be said that God died on the Cross on Good Friday? (# 468)
12. As the Catechism reminds us, the human soul that the Son of God assumed, was endowed with “*a true human knowledge. As such the knowledge could not in itself be unlimited.*” (# 472) This fact has led some theologians to assert that Jesus did not always know that he was God. What would you say in response to such an assertion?