

The Apostles' Creed: Second Article

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Savior in the State of Humiliation

Who likes to be humiliated? Normally, when we think of being humiliated, we think of being made fun of, mocked, derided, or publicly embarrassed. All that happened to Jesus and more. He was God yet He became a man. He had everything yet He gave it all away. He had all power, yet He set it all aside. While many lower class people loved Him, the ones with power hated Him. When He was at His greatest hour of need, no one came to His aide. In the end, He was stripped, mocked, beaten, scourged, and finally, crucified. And none of this was forced on Him. He suffered all this of His own accord. He said Himself concerning His life, *"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord"* (**John 10:18**). What could have caused Him to willingly endure all that? It was love, His love for us. He didn't want to see us spend eternity in hell for our sins. When we think of the humiliation of Jesus Christ, we must always remember, "He did that all for me."