

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 Office of Christ

When we talked about the names Jesus and Christ, we said that *Jesus* means “the Lord saves” and Christ is Greek for the Hebrew *Messiah*, which means “Anointed One.” Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His Baptism to be our Prophet, Priest, and King. It’s in the fulfilling of these three offices that He accomplishes His work of redemption in our lives.

Priest

He is our Sacrifice, but He is also the *Priest* offering the sacrifice. Having offered His once-for-all sacrifice, He now intercedes for us, our Great High Priest, standing for us before the Father and making the Father’s will known to us.

Prophet

As any other *prophet*, His words were backed up with His works, miracles to show what He said was true, especially His resurrection, which validated His crucifixion. He continues to proclaim the Gospel through preachers and other Christians who share His Word with others.

King

His *kingdom* is not of this world. Yet He protects His kingdom, the church in this world. He keeps us in the midst of this fallen world and will see us safely to the glories of heaven. As our Redeemer, He is our **PROPHET**, **PRIEST**, and **KING**.