

LIFETEEN Video Notes for MARCH 3 2019



The Trinity: The Mystery of God as Three in One. At the root of our Faith is the belief in the Triune God. The Trinity is a mystery, not in the sense that it is something to be solved, but rather something we can know and understand only in part. The Trinity invites us into a relationship of love.

Theologians through the ages, including St. Augustine of Hippo, have sought to describe the triune nature of God in ways that shed light on its complexity.

RELATED BIBLE & CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PASSAGES:

- Gen. 1:26 (“Let us make man in our image . . .”)
- 1 Cor. 12:12-31 (One Body, Many Parts)
- 1 Jn. 4:8 (“God is love”)
- Jn. 1:1-18 (Prologue—“The Word became flesh”)
- Jn. 16: 15 (“Everything the Father has is mine . . .”)
- Mt. 3:16 – 17 (Jesus’ Baptism—“This is my beloved Son . . .”)
- Mt. 28:19 (“Go and make disciples of all nations . . .”)
- CCC 249 – 256 (The Holy Trinity in the Teaching of the Faith)
- CCC 261, 262 (The Trinity) • CCC 218 – 221 (God is Love)
- CCC 230 (Mystery of the Trinity)

Please watch the Bishop Robert Barron Video “The Trinity “– Total running time 10:11
It is at Word on Fire Digital. If you haven’t been permitted for that site yet Contact Tom Tomaszewski tomt@spfc.org

The Trinity Video can be found in the Catholicism School Enrichment Section. It is at Grade 9 Session 7. Here is a link if you already are permitted and have your Account set up
<https://www.wofdigital.org/catholicism-school-enrichment/season:4/videos/09-ii-03-the-trinity>

Please answer these questions after viewing the video.

1. What is it that makes Christians distinct from say Jews or Muslims? They too believe in one God.

It is the Sign of the Cross that makes the Christian idea of God distinctive; our invocation of the three divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In His unity God is a community, a family of love.

2. What set Jesus apart from other prophets such as Abraham, Moses or Isaiah?

Jesus spoke and acted in the very person of God.

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7. A legend says that St. Patrick used the image of the shamrock to teach the Trinity. A shamrock has three distinct lobes but remains one leaf. Another Irish image is that of the infinity knot. St. Ignatius of Loyola is said to have had a vision of the holy Trinity as three keys on a keyboard being played together. The experience was so profound that Ignatius is said to have wept uncontrollably. Choose an artistic representation of the Trinity and explain how it explains the Trinitarian concept.