

THE LIFE OF JESUS IN ST. THOMAS, ST III Q 1-6

CHRISTOLOGY

Question 1: The Fitness of the Incarnation

Article 1: Is it in God's dignity to become incarnate?

Article 2: The necessity of the incarnation

Article 3: The incarnation is a response to sin

"But there is no reason why human nature should not have been raised to something greater after sin. for God allows evils to happen in order to bring a greater good therefrom; hence it is written (Rom. v. 20): 'Where sin abounded, grace did more abound'. Hence, too, in the blessing of the Paschal candle, we say: 'O happy fault, that merited such and so great a redeemer!'"

Article 4: The remedy for original sin

Articles 5 & 6: The timeliness of the Incarnation

Question 2: The Mode of Union

Article 1: Natures are not merged

Article 2: The union was in the person

Reflection on the particularity of personhood

Article 3: Further reflection on the hypostasis

Article 4: The unity of the person of Christ

Article 5: The union of soul and body

Article 6: A union which is not accidental but personal

Article 7: Created union

"And hence we must say that the union of which we are speaking is not really in God, except only in our way of thinking; but in the human nature, which is a creature, it is really. Therefore we must say it is something created."

Article 8: Union and assumption

Article 9: The greatness of the union

"...we must say...that the human nature is not more in the Son of God than the Son of God in the Father, but much less. But the man in some respects is more in the Son than the Son in the Father—namely, inasmuch as the same suppositum is signified when I say *man*, meaning Christ, and when I say *Son of God*; whereas it is not the same suppositum of Father and Son."

Article 10: The union and grace

Article 11: The union and merit

Article 12: The naturalness of the union

Question 3: The Mode of Union on the Part of the Person Assuming

Article 1: The fittingness to the Son

Article 2: The fittingness to the divine nature

Article 3: Nature abstracted from person

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Article 5: Possibility of each person to assume

Article 6: More than one person assuming a single individual nature

Article 7: One person assuming two natures

Article 8: Fittingness of the Son

Question 4: The Mode of Union on the Part of the Human Nature

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Article 4: Assuming and abstract human nature

Article 5: Assuming and everyone's humanity

Article 6: Assuming and Adam's descendants

Question 5: The Parts of Human Nature Assumed

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Article 2: Earthly body

Article 3: Soul

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Question 6: The Order of Assumption

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Article 2: The mediation of the spirit

Article 3: The primacy of soul

Article 4: The primacy of body

Article 5: The whole and parts

Article 6: The mediation of grace