

How do we know who Jesus is?



Witnesses



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The apostles, other early disciples like Mary Magdalene and Stephen, and later disciples like Paul and Timothy all shared their experiences of Jesus and his message with others.

People came to know Jesus through other people first, not by reading about him.



Testimony

As time went on Christians began to record the story of Jesus and his message.

Paul's letter on the faith were the first documents written about Jesus that survive today.

Later numerous accounts of Jesus life and other documents were written.

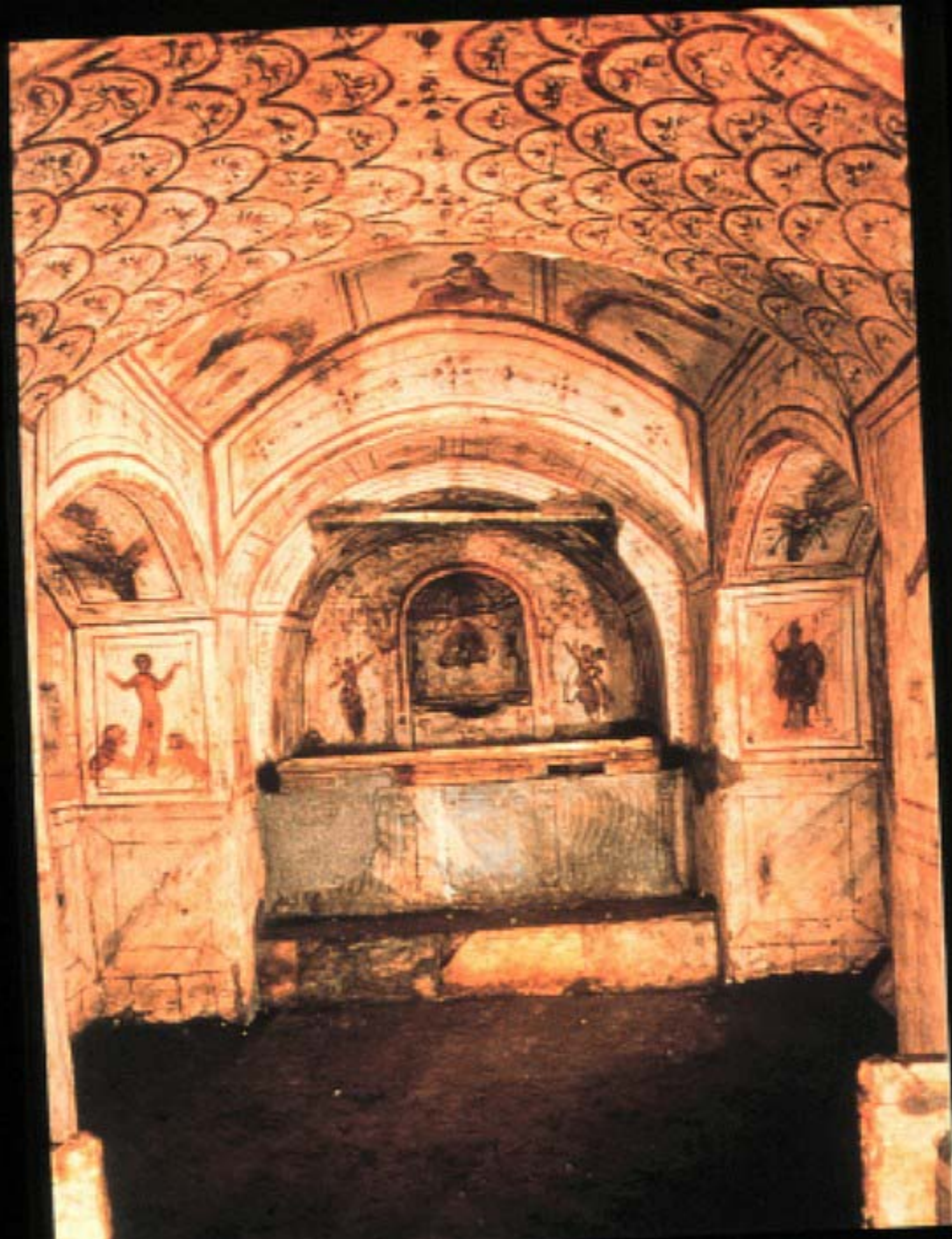


Church

The early Church was a rich and vibrant community that spread from Jerusalem to extremes of the Roman Empire and beyond.

Christian communities spread as far away as India and Ethiopia.

The Church as a community preserved its understanding of who Jesus was.



We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father (and the Son)
he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in

one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.