

Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church for EVERYONE

He sent the apostles out to convert the whole world in 33AD. They are the foundations of the Catholic Church. It is called “Catholic” because “catholic” means “universal.”

The Catholic Church wrote the New Testament, assembled the Bible, converted all of Europe from paganism, and spread out to every continent before any protestant churches even existed!

Today, every Catholic parish (local church) all around the world has the same Gospel, the same worship, the same teaching, the same sacraments, as the apostolic Church had, even if we use different languages (Latin, English, Spanish, etc.) 1.2 Billion men and women from every nation that exists belong to the Catholic Church—because Jesus made it to be a home for EVERYONE, and he wants it to be your home, too.

He who does not gather with me, scatters (Lk 11:23)

BUT there are a lot of non-Catholic churches which are **not universal**, not even close! They will tell you to join their **individual** church, **their** ‘family,’ but how can they be **THE** true, **universal Church** founded by Christ if they just started a church somewhere a few years ago, and will probably be gone in a few years anyway? What if the pastor changes and the teachings change?

Do you thank Mary for Jesus?

Mary said “yes” to be the Mother of the Savior. If she had not said “yes” to the angel, Jesus would not have been born, and you would have no savior. **There is no salvation without Mary.**

Do you want to be a Beloved Disciple of Jesus?

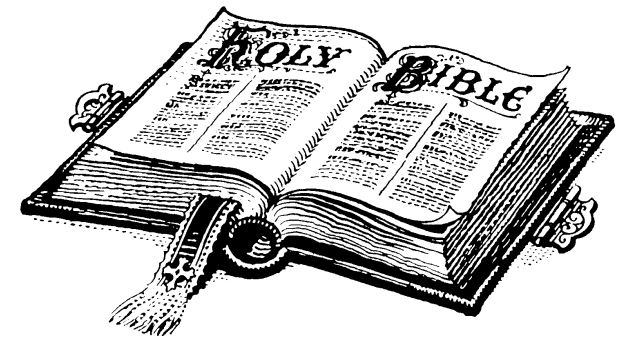
At the foot of the cross stand Mary and “the beloved disciple.” John does not use his own name here because what follows next applies to EVERY beloved disciple of Jesus: “When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he saith to his mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, he saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother” Jn 19:26-7.

Jesus gave Mary to be the mother of ALL his disciples.

If you are a disciple of Jesus, then Mary is your mother. “And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.” Jesus wants YOU to love Mary as your own mother, to whom you owe your life, your salvation. **It’s in the Bible!**

Every Beloved Disciple is a Child of Mary

Are YOU a Bible-Believing Christian?



Do you believe ALL of the Bible?

Do you put your faith in GOD, not in man?

Do you want to be a Beloved Disciple of Jesus?

If you answered “YES” to all these questions...

...then YOU should join the Catholic Church!

Catholics believe that everything in the Bible is true.

“All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice” 2 Tim 3:16.

AND that the BIBLE SAYS not every truth about Jesus was written in the Bible, but was preached by the apostles.

“There are also many other things which Jesus did; which, if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written” Jn 21:25; “Having more things to write unto you, I would not by paper and ink: for I hope that I shall be with you, and speak face to face: that your joy may be full” 2 Jn 1:12.

Catholics believe that we are all sinners in need of salvation.

“For all have sinned, and do need the glory of God” Rom 3:23.

And salvation comes only from Jesus Christ, who said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15).

While you must have faith to be saved, we also know that Jesus said “Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 7:21).

Catholics ALSO believe:

- Jesus gave the power to forgive sins to the Apostles and the bishops and priests who succeeded them. “He breathed on them; and he said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained” Jn 20:22-3.
- Jesus put Peter in charge of his Church, his whole flock. “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church” Mt 16:18; “Feed my sheep” Jn 21:17.
- Jesus commanded us to eat his flesh and drink his blood under the appearances of bread and wine. “Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day” Jn 6: 54-5; Mt 26:26ff.
- Jesus was celibate (never married) and encouraged celibacy for the Kingdom. (Mt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:37-8).

Some people say they are “Bible-Believing,” but don’t believe these parts of the Bible.

Some people also ADD things to the Bible. For instance, **nowhere in the Bible does it say:**

- Man is saved by faith alone.
- Once saved (in this life), you are saved from Hell forever.
- The Bible is the only guide you need.
- The King James Bible is the sole and final source of the faith.

Catholics put their faith in GOD, not in man.

Only the Catholic Church was founded by Jesus Christ (truly God and truly man) in 33AD. Catholics believe that Jesus Christ promised to be with us always “even to the consummation of the world” (Mt 28:20), not in person, but through the Church he founded. “He that heareth you, heareth me” Lk 10:16.

The Bible says: “How shall they preach unless they be sent?” Rm 10:15. Jesus appointed the apostles and sent them to preach the Gospel, which he continues to do through the Catholic Church. Every Catholic priest is sent by a bishop, who is sent by the pope, whose authority goes all the way back to St. Peter, sent by Jesus, who promised that “the gates of hell” will not prevail over HIS Church (Mt 16:18).

But who sent those others?

Every other group of Christians was formed centuries later, not founded by Christ, but by man. Martin Luther started the **Lutherans** in 1517, (breaking his promise to Jesus to remain unmarried); King Henry VIII founded the **Anglicans** in 1534, because he wanted to get divorced and remarried (which Jesus condemns in Mk 10:11). The **Baptists** were started in 1609 by John Smyth, who left the Anglicans, but took their faulty translation of the Bible, named after the English King James, who published it in 1611.

Where does it say in the Bible that you can just send yourself?