

# Jesus' Message

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 1**.

Peter told Jesus that everyone said Jesus is the *Messiah*, which means "anointed one."

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Peter was the rock on whom Jesus built the Church. According to our Catholic Tradition, Saint Peter was the first pope.

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Peter and the other disciples witnessed the Transfiguration, where Jesus' face shone like the sun, his clothes became dazzlingly white, and they discovered that Jesus is the Son of God.

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The word *Gentile* is another word for *non-Jew*. Peter welcomed both Jews and Gentiles into the Christian community.

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A martyr is a person who gives witness to his or her faith by dying for it. Saint Peter was a martyr, sentenced to death by crucifixion for teaching others about Jesus.

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Peter understood that by reflecting on Jesus Christ and by learning from him, we discover everything God wants us to know about our Salvation.

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Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we first enter into a relationship with Jesus. At Confirmation, we publicly proclaim our belief that Jesus is the true source of our Salvation.

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The Lord's Prayer is a summary of the Gospel message. Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of Matthew.

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Jesus' message to his disciples was a promise to send the Holy Spirit so that we could live in friendship with God. On Pentecost, the Father sent the Holy Spirit from Heaven in Jesus' name, and the Church was born.

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The Church is a visible society that is both human and divine. It is made up of people who love one another and work together to build up God's kingdom. The Church is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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