

Male and Female, God Created Them: The Body, Gender, and Marriage in the Teaching of Christ

First Night: The God-Given Body

Selected Biblical and Other Passages

1. John Paul II, *Redemptor Hominis*, 1: “The redeemer of man, Jesus Christ, is the center of the universe and of history.”

2. John Paul II, *TB*: “Jesus Christ fully reveals man to himself, in his origin, his history, and his destiny.”

3. Thomas Aquinas, *ST II*, Q 91, art. 4: “Different persons have differing judgments regarding human actions, and from these differing judgments come differing and contradictory rules for conduct. Therefore, that the human person might know without all doubt what he should do and what he should avoid, it was necessary that he be directed in his moral acts through a law divinely given, because such a law cannot err.”

4. Thomas Aquinas, *ST I-II*, Q 94, Art. 3: “To the natural law belongs everything to which human beings are ordered according to their nature.”

5. Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heaven, and over the animals, and over all the earth, and over every creature that moves on the earth.” 27 And so God created human beings in

his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.

6. Thomas Aquinas, *ST I*, Q 5, Art 3: “Every being, as being, is good.”

7. John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

8. Luke 24:36-43

36 And while they were still speaking these things, Jesus himself came and stood in their midst and says to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 And they were frightened and fearful, thinking they were seeing a spirit. 38 But he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your heart? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is really me. Touch me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they were still disbelieving because of their joy and amazed, he said to them, “Do you have something to eat here?” 42 They gave to him part of a roasted fish, 43 and he ate it in their presence.

9. First Corinthians 15:20-26

20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who sleep. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the consummation, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign as king until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

10. First Corinthians 15:53-54

For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body be clothed with immortality. 54 And when this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then shall come to pass what is written: "Death is abolished in victory!"

11. Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in the heavens, from where we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be conformed to his glorious body, by the power whereby he is able to subject the entire universe to himself.

12. Gospel of John 5:28-29

28 Do not marvel at this, because an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs shall hear his voice, 29 and they shall come forth, those who

have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

13. The Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed): I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the life of the world to come.

14. The Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed): I believe in the resurrection of the flesh, and everlasting life.

15. Catholic Catechism 1015: "The flesh is the hinge of salvation' (Tertullian, *De Res.* 8.2). We believe in God who is creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem the flesh; we believe in the resurrection of the flesh, the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh."

16. *Gaudium et Spes* 22: "In truth, it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of Man truly becomes clear. . . . Christ, the new Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love, fully reveals man to himself and makes his supreme calling clear. . . . Human nature, by the very fact that it was assumed, not absorbed, in him, has been raised also in us to a dignity beyond compare."

17. G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*: "The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and an order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."

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