

House Group Notes

Week beginning 12th February 2023

- * For a brief discussion, what do you think is meant by the term “pre-existence”?
- * Read St. John's Gospel, 1. 1-5 and 14
- * How does St John's vision and imagination of “pre-existence” (written about A.D. 95) influence the language and presentation of the Creed (composed A.D. 325) we use in the Holy Communion service?
- * With the reading from St. John's Gospel (above), compare Hebrews 1. 1-3. See also Matthew 14.33, Matthew 16.16; Matthew 8.20.
- * What happened to “The Christ, the Son of the living God”?
- * See St. John's Gospel, 1. 10-11; Matthew 8.34; 12.14; 16.21.
- * For a summary of this, see Philippians 2. 5-11. On which Sunday is this passage chosen to be read as the Epistle at the Holy communion?
- * See another summary of the same progression of the Son at Luke 24. 45-49. In what way does this summary look back to the past and then look ahead to the future?



Background

Jesus sometimes calls himself the “Son of Man” (Matthew 8.20, adjacent). It is not certain what he means, but this title may refer to a vision in Daniel 7. 13-14 (written about 170 – 160 B.C.), echoed (about A.D. 100) in Revelation 1. 13-16.

“All this they did to the
Creator of the universe!”

John Henry Newman
(whose soft voice had,
reportedly, a resounding
echo in the church) before
he joined the Roman
Catholic Church, to
become, now, “St. John
Henry Newman.”