The Jesus Creed

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We have confidence in Jesus
Who healed the sick, the blind,
and the paralyzed.
And even raised the dead.
He cast out evil powers and
Confronted corrupt leaders.
He cleansed the temple.
He favored the poor.
He turned water into wine,
Walked on water, calmed storms.
He died for the sins of the world,
Rose from the dead,
and ascended to the Father,
Sent the Holy Spirit.

We have confidence in Jesus
Who taught in word and example,
Sign and wonder.
He preached parables
of the kingdom of God
On hillsides, from boats,
in the temple, in homes,
At banquets and parties, along the
road, on beaches, in towns,
By day and by night.
He taught the way of love
for God and neighbor,
For stranger and enemy,
for outcast and alien.

We have confidence in Jesus,
Who called disciples, led them,
Gave them new names
and new purpose
And sent them out
to preach good news.

He washed their feet as a servant.
He walked with them, ate with them,
Called them friends,
Rebuked them, encouraged them,
Promised to leave and then return,
And promised to be with them always.

He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray,
stole away to desolate places,
Fasted and faced
agonizing temptations,
Wept in a garden,
And prayed, "Not my will
but your will be done."
He rejoiced, he sang,
he feasted, he wept.

We have confidence in Jesus,
So we follow him, learn his ways,
Seek to obey his teaching
and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him,
abide in him,
As a branch in a vine.
We have not seen him,
but we love him.
His words are to us
words of life eternal,
And to know him is to know
the true and living God.
We do not see him now,
but we have confidence in Jesus.
Amen.

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