



# KATOOMBA

— BAPTIST CHURCH —

## CHRIST'S CHURCH THROUGH THE AGES

### LESSON 20: THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA (PART 2)



## **ATTENDEES**

- Considered the first 'Ecumenical Council' in the history of the Church.
- Drew approx. 318 bishops from around the Roman Empire.
- Each bishop was able to bring two presbyters and three deacons; the total attendance may have been approx. 1,800
- Churches from Sassanid Empire also sent delegates.
- Western churches only sent about 5-7 delegates.

### WEST:

- Marcus of Calabria (Italia)
- Caecilian of Carthage (Africa)
- Nicasius of Die (Gaul)
- Domnus of Sirmium (Danube)
- Ossius of Cordoba (Hispania) – representing and presiding for the Emperor Constantine I
- Two delegates representing the Church of Rome

### EAST:

- Alexander of Alexandria & Athanasius of Alexandria
- Eustathius of Antioch
- Marcellus of Ancyra
- Theophilus of the Goths
- Achillius of Larissa (Thessaly)
- Nicholas of Myra ('Santa Claus')
- (Etc.)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. THE ARIAN CONTROVERSY**

### **2. THE DATE OF EASTER**

### **3. THE MELITIAN SCHISM**

## **THE CREED OF A.D. 325**

### **KEY:**

- **Bold** = From original Creed of A.D. 325 (Nicaea)
- *Italic* = Updated in Creed of A.D. 381 (Constantinople)
- ***Bold Italic*** = Original to Creed of A.D. 325, but removed from updated version (A.D. 381)

**“We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, (*maker of Heaven and Earth, and*) maker of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the (*only-begotten*) Son of God, begotten from the Father (*before all worlds*), *the only-begotten, that is, from the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made, things in heaven and things on earth, Who for us men and for our salvation, came down (*from Heaven*), and became incarnate (*by the Holy Spirit, of the Virgin Mary*) and was made man, (*and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate*) and he suffered (*and was buried*), and the third day He rose again (*according to the Scriptures*), and ascended into Heaven (*and sits at the right hand of the Father*), and He will come (*again with glory*) to judge both the living and dead, And in the Holy Spirit (*the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come*).***

***[But as for those who say: ‘There was when He was not’, or ‘Before being born He was not’, or ‘that He came into existence out of nothing’, or who assert ‘that the Son of God is of a different hypostasis or substance’, or ‘created’, or ‘is subject to alteration or change’ – these, the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church anathematizes]*”**