

THE DESCENSUS

“HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD”

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The Apostles’ Creed faithfully summarizes the Bible when it says that Christ “descended to the dead.” Older translations of the Creed say that “he descended into hell,” but in older English “hell” could refer to the place of all the dead more generally (Hades or Sheol), without reference to punishment. The Church never taught that Christ was punished in hell for our sins. His descent is triumphant.

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