

16. If Adam and Eve didn't know good from evil before they ate from the tree, then how could they have sinned if they didn't know it was bad?

God had told them not to eat from the tree. They broke his commandment and transgressed his law. For this reason they sinned and were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

17. Why do we go to church every Sunday?

Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord. The early Christians came together on Sunday to worship God. They gathered for the Breaking of the Bread or Mass, to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord and to receive the very Body and Blood of the Lord. We do the same.

18. When was God born?

God has always existed and will always exist. His name in scripture is 'I am'. He was never born. The second person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus, was born at a particular time and place in human history.

19. Why does the 4th advent candle go back to purple if the 3rd one is pink?

The third candle which is rose or pink indicates that the readings and theme of Advent change from reflecting on the end times and now concentrate on Jesus birth at Christmas. The fourth candle is purple to indicate it is still advent, a time of waiting and preparation. This also happens in Lent when the fourth Sunday is rose or pink which indicates that Holy Week is drawing near. This reminds us to double our efforts to be properly prepared for the great celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

20. Why do we say "amen" and not "a woman"?

The word amen comes from Hebrew and can be translated as 'so be it'. The word has nothing to do with gender.