

The Creation Mysteries of the Rosary

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Introduction

The official listing of the mysteries of the rosary are Glorious, Joyous, Sorrowful and Luminous. There are other mysteries of rosary such as the Healing mysteries or Marian mysteries, some are chaplets, novena's and the like. The Gospel of John provides a mysterious Creation story that puts the Christ into the center of creation. All readings used are from The Message Bible and provide a reflection of the mysteries as presented primarily from the Gospel of John.

These mysteries provide a reflection on Christ's relationship with Creation and may also help us to reflect, as it asks in Laudato Si, on our own relationship with Creation. Praying the mysteries of creation while in Creation intensifies the reflection and prayer. May you find the fingerprints of the Creator in our world.

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1st Creation Mystery
John 1

Word

⁻² The Word was first,
the Word present to God,
God present to the Word.
The Word was God,
in readiness for God from day one.
³⁻⁵ Everything was created through him;
nothing—not one thing! —
came into being without him.

2nd Creation Mystery
John 1

Light

Everything was created through him;
nothing—not one thing! —
came into being without him.
What came into existence was Life,
and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;
the darkness couldn't put it out.

3rd Creation Mystery
John 1

Word became Flesh

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.

¹⁵ John pointed him out and called, “This is the One! The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me. He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word.”

4th Creation Mystery
Luke 4

Wilderness

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.

5th Creation Mystery
John 1

Follow me

The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, “Here he is, God's Passover Lamb.”

³⁷⁻³⁸ The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, “What are you after?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”),
“where are you staying?”

³⁹ He replied, “Come along and see for yourself.”

Reading

Colossians 1:15-18

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

Concluding Prayer

Oh, Spirit of all life, gift us with the grace to walk today with Christ through all the mysteries of creation. Amen.