

Folks,

It is amazing how the Catholic Church always gets it right.

I can think of three quick examples where its teaching appears to go against Sacred Scripture, but then it easily vindicates itself.

First, we can think of Peter, who began to walk on water toward Jesus, but then began to sink because of his doubt.

One might say that Peter does not appear to be a very good leader, and would not be expected to serve as the first pope of the Catholic Church.

However, for him to stand up in a boat at night, and then step out of the boat onto choppy water shows an extraordinary amount of faith.

And he alone attempted this act, as the other disciples apparently showed no faith in their ability to do it at all.

And when John baptized Jesus, we might ask why Jesus would need this since the Catholic Church tells us that baptism provides a rebirth free of original sin.

But one reason that the Lord accepted this was that it allowed him to sanctify the water of the Jordan River as it fell over him.

And then, it seems that this sanctification extended to all of the baptismal water on earth through the ongoing process of evaporation and rain.

And finally, Jesus said at the Last Supper that he would not taste the fruit of the vine again until he drinks it anew with his disciples in the kingdom of God.

But he later accepted wine on the cross before saying, “It is finished.” There is no contradiction here either since he said that the cup at the Last Supper held his own blood, but he was given wine to drink on the cross.

The reason he referred to the cup of blood as fruit of the vine was that he had previously referred to himself as a vine with branches, and even as “the true vine.”

And so, the cup of his blood that they drank at the Last Supper could clearly be called “fruit of the vine.”

This also indicates that drinking the blood of Christ, which is a feature of the Catholic Mass, also occurs in the kingdom of heaven, where the Lord drinks it anew with his disciples.

But it should not surprise us that the Catholic Church never contradicts the New Testament.

After all, it was the Catholic Church that canonized the New Testament.

Sincerely,

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