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Directions: Read the two Creeds below. The Apostles' Creed reflects the shared beliefs of all Christians. The Nicene Creed represents the shared beliefs of Catholics. Since the Catholic Church has authority given by Jesus, you can find some teachings that separate Catholics from other Christians. Comparing the two Creeds, highlight some of the differences in the Nicene Creed

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth,
of things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the
Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the essence of the Father.
God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of
the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in
heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was
incarnate, was made human, was born perfectly of the holy virgin Mary by
the Holy Spirit.
By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly
and not in semblance.
He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended
into heaven with the same body, [and] sat at the right hand of the Father.
He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge
the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, in the uncreated and the perfect; Who spoke
through the Law, prophets, and Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan,
preached through the apostles, and lived in the saints.
We believe also in only One, Universal, Apostolic, and [Holy] Church; in one
baptism in repentance, for the remission, and forgiveness of sins; and in the
resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgement of souls and bodies,
and the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.

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Who gave the Catholic Church the authority to teach?
