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## **SOSJ – First 7 Councils of the Church: Nicaea I and Constantinople I** **Saturday, June 14, 2025 - John 1: 1-3; 14-15; 30-33**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. 30 He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' 31 I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." 32 John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. 33 I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'

1. Why is it critical that we believe that Jesus is uncreated and the 2nd Person in the Trinity? What implications does that have for every aspect of Catholic theology and practice?
2. Why is it so important that we believe in the Holy Spirit as God and thus also the Trinity? How does believing in the Trinity affect our day to day lives? Why is it so important to continue to learn more and more about the Faith?
3. What does the Council of Nicaea teach us about being faithful to truth? What does the whole event teach us about finding and following the Truth?
4. How does Nicaea lend itself to better prayer for each of us? How does it set the stage for a deeper love and commitment to our Catholic faith?