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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 6 The Synoptic Gospels

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Pages 130-131 *Putting Others First*

1. The life of _____ is the perfect illustration of putting other first. He is the Good _____ who gave his life for his _____, stoops to pick us up, and carries us to _____.
2. What are the primary sources about Jesus?

Pages 131-139 *Introducing the Synoptic Gospels*

3. Which are the synoptic Gospels?
4. Throughout most of its history, _____ Gospel was believed to be the _____ Gospel written. It became popular in _____ services and for _____ new Christians. It also emphasizes the fulfillment of Old Testament _____, linking the Old and New Testaments.
5. What is one reason scholars now believe Mark's Gospel is the oldest?
6. True or False? The unique form of literature known as a gospel, is primarily a faith summary of the Good News of the Old Testament prophets.
7. What are the three distinct ways the term *gospel* is used?
8. Papias, a second-century _____, held that the author of the Gospel of Mark was _____, a disciple of _____ and that his writing includes some themes of Peter's preaching. The date of authorship is placed between AD _____ at around the time of the destruction of the Jewish _____.
9. What sources did Matthew and Luke use when they wrote their Gospels in the AD 80s?
10. True or False? The Beatitudes are found in both Mark and Luke.
11. True or False? The Parable of the Good Samaritan is found only in Luke's Gospel.
12. True or False? The Parable of the Lost Sheep is found only in Matthew's Gospel.
13. The Gospel of _____ highlights Jesus' _____ rather than his words, presenting a vivid, _____, and down-to-earth portrait of Jesus. Mark probably wrote for a non-Jewish _____-Christian audience undergoing _____.
14. What is a central theme of Mark's Gospel?
15. True or False? Theologically, Mark portrays Jesus as a Suffering Messiah for Christians to imitate.
16. In the first verse Mark reveals that Jesus is the _____. He stresses Jesus' _____ throughout the Gospel, for instance when Jesus expresses anger towards his _____.

17. True or False? Matthew and Luke toned down details of Mark that might cast Jesus in an unfavorable light.
18. How did Matthew change Mark's story of Jesus' lack of miracles in Jesus' hometown?
19. True or False? Mark teaches that Jesus is the Son of God who assumed human nature.
20. What three titles for Jesus are used in Mark 8:27-34? What is the meaning or relation of each?
21. True or False? Many of the various Jewish sects of Jesus' time had the same ideas of what the Messiah would be.
22. True or False? After Peter's proclamation of his true identity, Jesus warned Peter not to tell anyone.
23. _____ had difficulty accepting Jesus' _____ of the Messiah and Jesus realized that Peter was _____ him away from his true _____. Peter was judging by human _____, not by divine ones.
24. What is a key message in the Gospel of Mark?
25. The author of the Gospel of Matthew was most likely a Jewish _____ who had a thorough knowledge of Palestine and Jewish _____. It was written during a time of increasing _____ between _____ and Christians.
26. What is a major theological emphasis in Matthew's Gospel?
27. True or False? Matthew uses the title "Son of Man" more than any other Gospel and quotes many Old Testament prophecies to proclaim Jesus' identity as the Messiah.
28. Matthew presents Jesus as the new _____: as Moses gave the _____ to the Chosen People, so Jesus gave the New Law to all people. Further, the five-book arrangement of the Gospel parallels the _____.
29. The sermons of Jesus reveal him to be a great _____. The Sermon on the _____ is the most important collection of Jesus' _____ teaching in which he preaches about the _____ of God and what is necessary to become his followers.
30. True or False? Throughout his Gospel, Matthew strives to show that Jesus Christ fulfills all of God's promises to the Chosen People and through them to all people.
31. Tradition says that _____ was a Gentile Christian who also wrote the _____. St. _____ identified him as a _____ and traveling companion and friend of St. _____.
32. Luke wrote for a largely _____-Christian audience. He highlighted the city of _____ as an important _____ in both of his works. The messianic _____ begins there and the second part of Jesus' ministry centers on his _____ there.
33. The Acts of the Apostles takes the _____ of Jesus Christ to the end of the _____, starting in _____ where the Apostles received the _____.
34. What are the two major themes in Luke?

35. Why is Luke 15 the heart of the Gospel of Luke?
36. In Luke's Gospel Jesus repeatedly sought out people considered to be "_____" such as when he cured the _____ and praised the Good _____, a traditional enemy, by making him the _____ of a parable.
37. How is Jesus' compassion evident most perfectly in his dying moments?

Pages 139-141 *Important Events in the Early Life of Christ*

38. The term _____ refers to God who is a mystery because his _____ greatness, _____, and perfect _____ are beyond human understanding. In the New Testament the term refers to God's saving _____ gradually unfolding in _____ history.
39. When did God's fullest Revelation take place?
40. True or False? All three synoptic gospels contain records of the Nativity of Jesus.
41. What important facts do we learn about Jesus and his family in the Nativity?
42. True or False? Jewish Law required males to be circumcised as a sign of the covenant.
43. True or False? Jesus' presentation in the Temple shows how the firstborn son belongs to God.
44. The Feast of _____ celebrates the mystery of Christ's _____ as the Savior of the _____. It commemorates the visit of the _____ from the East, revealing that Christ came for all people, not just _____.
45. What do the stories about the treachery of King Herod, the flight into Egypt, and the killing of the innocent children in Bethlehem reveal about Jesus?
46. Luke's Gospel tells how the _____ Jesus lived a life of humble _____ in the Galilean town of _____. It points to Jesus' obedience in all things to his heavenly _____.
47. Why are the Gospels the most important books of the Bible?

Pages 142-144 *Followers of Jesus*

48. True or False? Jesus had women disciples which would have been very unusual for its time.
49. Being a _____ of Jesus required sacrifice, such as leaving one's _____ or occupation. In the end, true disciples of Jesus even suffered _____ for believing in him and _____ the Gospel.
50. Jesus selected Twelve _____ from among his disciples, a number that brings to mind the twelve tribes of _____. Thus, the Apostles, a word that comes from the Greek meaning "_____", represent a _____ Israel.

51. What was the main job of the Apostles?
52. What are two ways the Lord's relationship with his Apostles differed from that of the rabbis of his day?
53. ____ He was also known as Jude, Matthew and Luke call him Thaddeus
54. ____ He was known as the "beloved disciple" and Jesus entrusted his Mother to him
55. ____ The brother of Peter, one of the Gospels records that he was Jesus' first disciple
56. ____ He was a tax collector and tradition says he wrote a Gospel
57. ____ Jesus renamed him "rock"; he became the leader and spokesman for the Apostles
58. ____ Jesus referred to he and his brother John as the "sons of thunder" because of their fiery temperament
59. ____ He is also known as James the Younger and was stoned to death in AD 62
60. ____ Each Gospel calls him a traitor because he betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver
61. ____ At the Last Supper he asked Jesus to show them the Father
62. ____ He had to give up his revolutionary notions since Jesus was opposed to violence
63. ____ Also known as Nathanael, he asked the ironic question: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"
64. ____ He professed faith in Jesus but later doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead
- A. Peter
B. Andrew
C. James, Zebedee's Son
D. John, Zebedee's Son
E. Phillip
F. Bartholomew
G. Matthew/Levi
H. Thomas
I. James, Son of Alphaeus
J. Simon the Zealot
K. Judas, son of James
L. Judas Iscariot

Pages 145-147 Important Events in Jesus' Public Life

65. True or False? The synoptic Gospels agree that Jesus' public life began with his baptism by John the Baptist.
66. John the _____ was a distant relation to Jesus. _____ prophesied that there would be one sent to announce the coming of the _____. John preached the need for repentance for the _____ of sin.
67. What two things does Jesus' submission to John's baptism reveal about Jesus?
68. Jesus' _____ reveals his perfect _____ to his Father's will and _____ the baptism of his death for the _____ of our sins. It also serves as a _____ for our own baptism.
69. Jesus went into the _____ to pray, fast, and prepare himself for his _____, and where he was tempted by _____. His forty-day retreat recalls the forty _____ the Chosen People wandered the desert after the _____ from Egypt.
70. According to the Letter to the Hebrews, why did Jesus undergo testing in the desert?

71. The first _____ was for Jesus to take care of his own needs. Jesus had his mind fixed on doing the Father's _____, not self-gratification like the _____ who gave in to their sensual appetites.
72. In the second temptation Jesus was given the opportunity to gain all _____ and glory if he would _____ Satan. Jesus _____ this temptation because he came to _____, not to be served.
73. The third temptation was to test _____ by jumping off the top of the _____, a spectacular deed that would attract people to him, proving his _____. But Jesus' response was to _____ in his Father.
74. In what sense is Jesus the New Adam?

Pages 147-149 *Jesus Proclaims the Gospel*

75. What were Jesus' words of announcement regarding his proclamation of the Kingdom of God found in Mark 1?
76. True or False? Jesus announcement requires two things: that we practice self-denial and that we believe in him.
77. In what two ways did Jesus teach?
78. True or False? Jesus' miracles helped to prove that he was the Messiah and show his power over sin.
79. During the _____ Jesus revealed his divine glory before _____. Through this _____, Jesus was foreshadowing God's _____.
80. What does Moses and Elijah's presence at the Transfiguration recall?
81. True or False? The vision at the Transfiguration reveals all Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.
82. True or False? Jesus instructed Peter, James and John to spread the word of this vision.
83. Jesus most clearly _____ the Gospel through the _____ – his Passion, Death, _____, and Ascension. This mystery reveals to _____ that Jesus Christ is the way to _____.