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Catholic Essentials Reading Guide

Chapter 2: Who is Jesus?

1. Why do Christians believe in Jesus Christ? _____
2. Jesus is the absolute, final and fullest _____ .
3. In Hebrew, the name *Jesus* means _____
4. _____ was the work of Jesus for only _____ can save people from sins.
5. The word _____ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew *Messiah*, which means _____ .
6. The title "Son of God" takes on new meaning at the _____ and at the _____ when the voice of God is heard saying, "This is My beloved Son..."
7. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Hebrew name for God YHWH is translated as *Kyrios* which means _____ .
8. Faith is _____ .
9. Faith makes it possible to recognize and accept Jesus Christ as the _____ .
10. The faith of the Church results in _____ which ties us into a relationship with God.
11. The last Gospel written, the Gospel of _____, most clearly addresses the divinity of Jesus by focusing on seven _____ of Jesus that indicate that he is the Great _____ of God the Father.
12. John 1:1-3 refers to Jesus as the _____ of God, (_____ in Greek).
Jesus was always one with the Father before the beginning of time.
13. A heresy is _____ .
14. Describe the Arian heresy. _____

15. How did the Church answer the Arian heresy? _____

16. List the three teachings about the divinity and humanity of Jesus as stated in the Nicene Creed:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
17. In order to unite himself to us, Jesus became fully human. The Church believes that Jesus is truly human in _____, _____, and _____ .
18. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Jesus is the "unique _____ of Sacred Scripture."

19. The Gospels are expressions of _____, inspired by _____, and written by believers who accepted that Jesus Christ is _____ and _____.
20. Four Roman authors and historians of the era wrote about Jesus and his followers:
- _____ who mentions Jesus twice in his *Antiquities of the Jews*.
 - _____ uses the term *Chrestus* in the *Life of Claudius*, one of his biographies of Roman emperors.
 - _____ wrote to the emperor asking how to deal with Christians who worshiped *Christus* and who would not worship the emperor.
 - _____ wrote that Christians had existed in an “immense multitude” in Rome at the time of the Great Fire in AD 64. He mentioned that Christ had been put to death in Judea by the “procurator Pontius Pilate.”
21. Jesus is also mentioned in a commentary on Jewish Law, the _____, written in the third century.
22. The _____ means that God literally became human “in the flesh.” Jesus was born in _____, the City of David.
23. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was preserved free from sin, even original sin. This dogma, proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in _____, is known as the _____.
24. Jesus received his name and was fully incorporated into the Jewish faith at his circumcision, which was a sign that he would submit himself to _____ and worship the God of his _____.
25. At the _____, the visit of the Magi indicated that God’s salvation was to be offered to people of all nations.
26. At the _____ in the Temple, Mary and Joseph offered their firstborn male to God in thanksgiving for sparing the firstborn children of the Israelites at the time of the Exodus.
27. The one incident reported during the hidden life of Jesus, is the _____, when Mary and Joseph found Jesus in discussion with the learned Jewish teachers.
28. The public ministry of Jesus begins with his _____ in the Jordan River by _____.
29. If Jesus did not need to be baptized, so why did he insist that John baptize him?

30. What is the significance of the Temptations of Jesus in the desert?

31. In Mark 1:15 at the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus proclaims, “_____”

_____.”

32. The Kingdom of God means _____
_____.

33. List six conclusions we may draw about the Kingdom of God

34. Jesus used _____, short stories with a moral lesson that feature commonly understood people and things, to explain what the Kingdom of God is like.

35. Jesus teaches that achievement of salvation is beyond human capabilities; salvation and entrance into God’s Kingdom depend solely on his _____.

36. Jesus performed many signs and wonders called _____, actions that could be attributed only to God.

37. The four major types of miracles are _____
_____.

38. The miracles of Jesus follow a general pattern: _____
_____.

39. What do the miracles of Jesus reveal? _____
_____.

40. What is the true meaning of discipleship? _____

41. The _____ is a foretaste of the Kingdom and of Jesus’ divine glory.

42. Jesus revealed the name for God as _____ which means “Daddy” in Arabic. It is significant that Jesus himself exclusively referred to God as Daddy or Father.

43. What kind of Father is God? *Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son or the Forgiving Father:*

_____.

44. At the Last Supper Jesus promised his disciples he would send the _____.

45. List three dogmas or beliefs Catholics hold about the Holy Trinity.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

46. Explain the two basic ways of understanding the Trinity:

a. Immanent Trinity _____

b. Salvific or Economic Trinity _____

47. The First Person of the Trinity = *Arche* meaning _____—God is the first Source of all being, all knowledge, all love.

48. The First Person knows himself perfectly. When he speaks of this perfect knowledge of himself, it is known as _____ or the Divine Word. The Word of God is the Second Person of the Trinity.

49. The First and Second Persons communicate with one another in love. This love is “breathed out” between the two as a third Person, the Divine Spirit, or _____ (in Greek). As our Creeds describe, the love *proceeds* from the Father and the Son.

50. The ultimate work of the Trinity is _____
_____.