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Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe
Directed Reading Guide
Chapter 2, *Jesus Christ: Lord and Savior*

Directions: Read carefully through Chapter 2 and then use the text as a reference to locate answers for the questions. All questions in this *Directed Reading Worksheet* are taken in sequential order from the chapter – first questions from the early sections of the chapter; last questions from the end of the chapter, etc. Answer **True or False** questions by circling the word True or False at the beginning of the question. **Fill-in-the-Blank** questions must often be answered with one than one word per blank. (Refer to your text often!) Write your own **Short Answers** for other questions.

Page 42 Encouraging Words

1. Whenever people try to figure out the _____ and how they fit into God’s large plan, _____ may set in. The _____ to discouragement is _____ which comes from the _____ of Scripture.
2. Define the word “gospel.” Explain the three things the word may apply to.

Pages 43-47 Beliefs about Jesus Christ

3. The letter to the Hebrews says that God spoke partially through our ancestors and through the _____, but in the last days through a _____ who is the heir of all things. Hence, in _____, God himself came to the _____ in the person of his Son. In him God took on our _____, body and soul which is taught in the doctrine of the _____.
4. What is a distinctive sign, or characteristic, of Christian faith?
5. What four reasons are given in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as to why the Word became flesh?
6. The name of Jesus comes from a Hebrew name *Yehoshua* or “_____” which means “God saves.” The angel _____ revealed this name to _____ which shows us that God had destined him to _____ the world from sin and death.
7. “Christ” is the Greek word for the Hebrew title _____, the “_____” of Yahweh through whom all God’s _____ to the Chosen People were fulfilled.
8. How did Jesus’ understanding of the Messiah’s role differ from what many Jews of his time were expecting?
9. How did Jesus fulfill his role as priest, prophet and king?
10. The gospels repeatedly make point that Jesus was the unique Son of God, such as at his _____ and _____ when the Father calls him his “_____.” Peter proclaims Jesus to be “the Messiah, the _____,” and Jesus says he and the _____ are one.

11. In the New Testament the title “_____” could refer to a _____ or someone with great power, or as a respectful form of _____ much like we use the word “sir.” But when the title is used for Jesus it proclaims his _____. The Greek translation of the Old Testament used the word “_____”, and to refer to him as Kyrios is to say that he is _____.
12. “_____” is the earliest and shortest Christian creed. Jesus proved he was God through his _____. Jesus has the same _____ as God and his death and _____ have won eternal life for humanity, a gift only God can _____.
13. Explain two other titles used for Jesus in the New Testament.
14. True or False. The symbol of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega signify that he has Greek family roots.
15. True or False. The letters *INRI* are the Hebrew letters are an abbreviation for the Jesus’ crime: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.
16. True or False. The Greek letters Chi and Rho are the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.

Pages 47-50 Evidence for Jesus and His Life

17. True or False. Several ancient non-Christian, and non-Jewish, sources provide evidence that Jesus actually existed.
18. _____ was a famous first century Jewish _____ who mentions Jesus in two of his writings, identifying him as a wise man, teacher, and _____ who made converts before being executed by Pontius Pilate. Even the _____, a collection of Jewish writings, states that Jesus existed.
19. Explain a most convincing argument that early Christians did not simply invent the historical Jesus.
20. The best source for proving Jesus’ existence is the _____ because its entire focus is _____. The heart of the Bible is the _____ which reveal a _____ who taught with unique insight. For example, his _____ are unparalleled short stories proclaiming _____.
21. What are three powerful teachings of Jesus?
22. The New Testament _____ and fulfills the Old Testament and reveals that God has extended his salvation to _____. The primary purpose of the New Testament is to _____ in Jesus Christ, his Son.
23. Briefly describe the five parts of the New Testament.

24. The first stage of gospel formation was the _____. He was born around _____ BC and came onto the public scene probably in AD _____ and was crucified in AD _____ or _____. His early _____ claimed to have seen Jesus after his death and were convinced that he was present to them by the power of the _____.
25. The second stage is called the _____ tradition. This stage took three forms: the _____, or preaching to unbelievers, the _____, or teaching to converts, and the _____, or celebration of the Eucharist. The main interest of the early preachers and teachers' was to interpret the _____ of the key events and sayings of Jesus.
26. The third state of gospel formation was the actual _____ of the New Testament books, the earliest of which were the letters of _____. Scholars believe _____ was the first gospel to be written while _____'s gospel was the last. The oral preaching had to be written down because _____ during their lifetimes as many had expected, and many of the eyewitnesses to Christ's life on earth began to _____.
27. A written apostolic testimony was increasingly necessary for early Christians to combat _____ that were starting to circulate about Jesus. Also, Christians needed a written record of their _____ which, in turn, they used in their _____ services and aided them in the _____ of new converts, much as they are still used today.

Pages 50-56 *Mysteries of Christ's Life*

28. Each evangelist had a particular _____ and theological perspective in mind when he wrote his version of the gospel. Mark wrote for _____ Christians and stressed Jesus as the _____. Matthew wrote for a _____ Christian audience and emphasized Jesus as the _____. Luke highlighted Jesus as _____ and his audience was also Gentile Christian converts. John's gospel presented Jesus as _____ who came to be the _____, the Truth, and the Life.
29. True or False. Because Luke and Matthew drew on two very different traditions to record Jesus' birth, they don't agree on many basic facts.
30. The early years of Jesus' life reveal much about Jesus and his _____. First, they tell us that he was born in _____ and allowed the _____ to see him first. Pious Jews like the _____ derisively referred to them as "people of the land" because their occupation would not allow them to keep faithfully the _____ demanded by the Law.
31. Next, his _____ incorporated him into the _____. At the _____ Jesus manifested as the savior of all people. His _____ revealed him to be the firstborn son who belongs to God, recognized by the old prophets _____ and _____ who recognized him as the long-expected _____.
32. The tradition of the Church has always held that Mary was a _____ and that Jesus did not have other siblings. The virgin birth reveals that Jesus is truly _____; both _____ and _____. The gospel passages that refer to Jesus' brothers and sisters use a word that also means _____.
33. Because he is _____, everything about Jesus' life reveals the Father. Jesus is the _____ for human living. His public life begins with his _____ by John the Baptist which shows that he accepted and launched his mission to be God's _____.

34. What three things does Jesus' baptism reveal about him?
35. True or False. Jesus' temptations by Satan in the desert helped him to identify with humanity, though he never gave in to his temptations or sinned, the opposite response of Adam.
36. What was the essence of the message preached by Jesus?
37. The heart of Jesus' message was that _____ was coming in Jesus' very person. Jesus taught using _____ like the Good Samaritan, in short, and pithy _____, and in life-giving _____ like the _____ on the Mount. He was a teacher who _____ what he preached.
38. What is the Paschal mystery? What does it reveal to us?
39. What are the five main points of Jesus' proclamation of the good news?
40. The _____ is God's power and active _____, his saving activity in the entire universe, in heaven and on _____. Jesus' miracles of _____ the spiritual, physical, and psychological _____ of people are a principle _____ of the kingdom.
41. True or False. The parable of the Prodigal Son reveals the generous mercy of the loving Father towards both his sons.
42. Since God is merciful, we must be other _____ by spreading the _____ news and by forgiving even our _____ and caring for all, especially the _____ and outcast.
43. One way Jesus remains with us until the _____ is through his body, _____, which he established through the _____. He gave special authority to _____ and his successors, the _____ in communion with the pope, who guide the Church.
44. Jesus is also present in the members of the Church incorporated into his Body at _____, and in his very body and blood which we call _____. He lives in us through the gift of the _____ who empowers us to live a Christian life.
45. To follow Jesus requires us to live a _____ and loving life of _____ others. We must turn our backs on _____ and the world's false _____ that promise empty happiness. A Christian life requires _____ and sacrifice. A life of service means dying to _____ but it leads to an eternal life of _____.
46. What are the four types of miracles Jesus performed?

47. Explain the significance of the transfiguration of Jesus and those revealed to Peter, James, and John.

Pages 57-61 *Christ Died for Our Sake*

48. The _____ that Jesus made through his life, death, and resurrection repairs the broken _____ between God and man. It bestows God's _____, grace, and life on mankind and adopts us into God's _____. The salvation won on the cross brings _____ for our sins and _____ us from sin, evil, and death.

49. True or False. The Apostles' Creed professes that the dead Christ went to the abode of the dead to proclaim the good news to the just who were awaiting the Messiah.

50. True or False. Jesus was sentenced to death by Jewish authorities because he was threatening to some Jews who had an economic and religious interest in the Temple.

51. True or False. The Jewish people are responsible for the death of Jesus.

52. The _____ of Jesus was a real event so unexpected by his _____ that they at first did not _____. They believed when they actually _____ Jesus. These real meetings of the Risen One completely _____ the disciples into bold _____ who proclaimed that "_____!"

53. True or False. In his resurrection, Jesus was fully restored to life and transfigured into an incorrupt, glorious, immortal body.

54. Summarize some of the misconceptions about the resurrection of Jesus.

55. The resurrection is proof of Jesus' _____ which shows that he was truly the _____ and God himself. It further reveals the unending _____ of God as _____. Jesus has _____ sin and death.

56. What effect does Christ's resurrection have on humanity?

57. Christ lives in a special way in the powerful _____ of love he has given the Church called _____. In _____ the power of the Holy Spirit comes to us. In _____ the Holy Spirit strengthens us with spiritual _____ to live like Christ and in _____ we experience his forgiveness.

58. In the sacrament of _____ we experience his healing touch and in Holy Orders and Matrimony we receive his help to live loving lives of _____. Jesus is alive and present in a special way in the _____. In the forms of bread and wine we receive Christ to become _____ for others.

59. Explain what Catholics believe about the Parousia?

60. How will the Son of Man judge the living and the dead at the Parousia? Explain.

Pages 61-63 *What We Believe about Jesus*

61. True or False. *All* of these are heresies about Jesus: Jesus was not equal to God; God could not have actually taken on human flesh, and Jesus only appeared to be a man; Mary was the mother of the human Jesus but not the divine Jesus.
62. List the foundational dogmatic teaching about Jesus Christ.
63. What do Muslims believe about Jesus?
64. Briefly explain the five pillars of Islam.
65. True or False. The Second Vatican Council condemns the Moslems as heretics.