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*Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*

Chapter 1 Directed Reading Guide

*God's Revelation And Our Response*

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**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 2 – 3 A Definitive Victory**

1. Jesus' Death and \_\_\_\_\_ have won \_\_\_\_\_ for you, and for all who believe in him. The \_\_\_\_\_ shares this definitive victory of our Lord with everyone who is part of Jesus' team.

**Pages 3 – 5 The Existence of God**

2. To be human is to ask \_\_\_\_\_—we want to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of things. Our questions come from both our \_\_\_\_\_ but also our restless hearts for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ believe that the God who made us created us with \_\_\_\_\_ that need to search for truth and \_\_\_\_\_ that ache for love which can only be found in God himself who is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What was St. Augustine telling us when he wrote, “You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you”?
5. By opening our eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ to the beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ God created, all humans can perceive the One who made it and keeps it in \_\_\_\_\_. God speaks to us in the \_\_\_\_\_ universe he has created and keeps in existence by his \_\_\_\_\_, the Son, and his \_\_\_\_\_.
6. By nature, humans are \_\_\_\_\_ which explains the existence of so many \_\_\_\_\_ down through the ages. Humans, using their \_\_\_\_\_ intellects reflecting on the world, \_\_\_\_\_ that there is a God.
7. Explain the difference between an atheist and an agnostic.
8. God wanted to speak to humans \_\_\_\_\_ in a way that we could \_\_\_\_\_ who he truly is—so beyond us and so \_\_\_\_\_, so infinite and \_\_\_\_\_, that our unaided minds can \_\_\_\_\_ know who God is or how great and \_\_\_\_\_ he really is.

**Pages 6 - 8 Divine Revelation**

9. What conclusions can one draw by studying the vastness of the universe?
10. God is \_\_\_\_\_ itself. God is essentially a \_\_\_\_\_ because our \_\_\_\_\_ human \_\_\_\_\_ can only perceive so much about God which is why there have been so many different \_\_\_\_\_ throughout human history.
11. What do Christians believe about God?

12. The God of mystery \_\_\_\_\_ stepped into human history to reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of his loving goodness by speaking to us through the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament, and by inviting us into a deeper \_\_\_\_\_ by sending his only \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ.
13. What is Divine Revelation?
14. Salvation \_\_\_\_\_ is the account of God's \_\_\_\_\_ activity for humanity that began with the creation of our first \_\_\_\_\_ and the beautiful world in which we live. Unfortunately, they fell out of \_\_\_\_\_ with him when they committed \_\_\_\_\_.
15. From the very \_\_\_\_\_, God promised to \_\_\_\_\_ us and gave us the \_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation and eternal life to the human race. Through Salvation History we learn of the gradual \_\_\_\_\_ of God's care for human beings whom he made in his \_\_\_\_\_ and likeness.
16. Through a series of \_\_\_\_\_ God bound himself to humans \_\_\_\_\_. In the \_\_\_\_\_, we learn of God's promise to be \_\_\_\_\_ to us forever while humans were to \_\_\_\_\_ faithful to him.
17. What five covenants does the author list as among the most important covenants made with God?
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of Faith for the \_\_\_\_\_ people and our spiritual father because of our shared \_\_\_\_\_ with the Jews. God \_\_\_\_\_ him that he would become the father of a great \_\_\_\_\_ with many descendants.
19. In \_\_\_\_\_ we learn how God formed \_\_\_\_\_ as his special people when he freed them from \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt. On Mount Sinai God revealed his \_\_\_\_\_ to Moses and through him gave the \_\_\_\_\_ the Law.
20. What was the climax of Salvation History?
21. God revealed himself to Israel as "\_\_\_\_\_." For example, he chose the Hebrews and made them a \_\_\_\_\_, freed the Israelites from \_\_\_\_\_, established the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, and sent \_\_\_\_\_ to guide the Jews.

**Pages 9 – 13 Scripture, Tradition, and the Deposit of Faith**

22. God's revelation reached its climax in the coming of \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Jesus' instructions to the \_\_\_\_\_ tells how Jesus wanted them to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News about the Kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_ so that all people would hear about his work of \_\_\_\_\_, justice, \_\_\_\_\_, and love.
24. On \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church," the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus, descended on the Apostles and \_\_\_\_\_ them to go forth and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.
25. Peter preached to the \_\_\_\_\_ who were gathered for the Pentecost feast and reviewed the events of \_\_\_\_\_ and explained how the \_\_\_\_\_ about the Messiah were fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Peter proclaimed Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ Lord and Messiah.

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ at first preached the Good News by \_\_\_\_\_ word and later in \_\_\_\_\_ form. These were supported by the way they \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, so courageously, that all were \_\_\_\_\_, with the exception of \_\_\_\_\_, for teaching others about Jesus Christ.
27. Why did the Apostles appoint successors?
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_, the Pope, is the successor to St. Peter, the first Pope whom \_\_\_\_\_ chose to lead and govern his Church. The Pope is “the head of the \_\_\_\_\_, the Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church.”
29. The bishops, in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Pope, are the direct \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles and are known as the \_\_\_\_\_. They ensure that the “\_\_\_\_\_” is faithfully handed on through the \_\_\_\_\_.
30. What are the two modes of transmission of the Deposit of Faith?
31. True or False? Sacred Tradition and the Bible refer to the same reality.
32. Sacred Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ word of God, a \_\_\_\_\_ of divinely inspired writings in which God uses \_\_\_\_\_ authors and their unique talents to put into writing what he wanted \_\_\_\_\_.
33. True or False? Scripture is inerrant, meaning, it contains no error.
34. The Magisterium determined which books of the \_\_\_\_\_ belonged on the \_\_\_\_\_ list of inspired writings which was decided until the Council of \_\_\_\_\_ in AD 382. The Council of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1546 solemnly declared that all \_\_\_\_\_ books found in the Catholic Bible were \_\_\_\_\_.
35. What is Sacred Tradition?
36. What is a dogma?
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ dwells in the Church and attracts the faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure of faith \_\_\_\_\_ to us and helps us recognize, \_\_\_\_\_, and live the word of \_\_\_\_\_ that comes down to us.
38. What three realities all flow from the one font of divine Revelation?
39. The two major \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament. Both reveal God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation and Christians read the Old Testament in light of \_\_\_\_\_, but also seeing the gradual \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s revelation of himself in \_\_\_\_\_ history.
40. The New Testament consists of \_\_\_\_\_ books of which the four \_\_\_\_\_ are the most important. Each Gospel was written for different \_\_\_\_\_ and each provides a true picture of \_\_\_\_\_ while emphasizing different theological \_\_\_\_\_.

41. The Acts of the Apostles is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the early decades of the \_\_\_\_\_. Of the twenty-one \_\_\_\_\_ that follow, fourteen of these are attributed to \_\_\_\_\_. The Book of \_\_\_\_\_ is the last book of the Bible which encourages readers to remain faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ during a time of persecution.
42. What are the three stages in the formation of the Gospels?
43. The four \_\_\_\_\_ selected elements from Tradition, under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, either what they preached \_\_\_\_\_ or put in written form, and composed \_\_\_\_\_ accounts that would appeal to the various \_\_\_\_\_ for which they were writing.

**Pages 13 – 17 Faith: Our Response to Revelation**

44. True or False? We cannot live our life with God without the virtue of faith.
45. \_\_\_\_\_ is our positive response to God's \_\_\_\_\_. Out of great love, God comes to us and addresses us as his \_\_\_\_\_ in order to share his life with us. His Revelation is an \_\_\_\_\_ to accept his love and eternal life given to us through \_\_\_\_\_.
46. What are the cardinal virtues?
47. What are the theological virtues?
48. A “\_\_\_\_\_” virtue is one that draws us to God and enables us to live in relationship to the \_\_\_\_\_. Their \_\_\_\_\_, motive, and object are the one, \_\_\_\_\_ God. The Lord gives them to us as \_\_\_\_\_.
49. Which theological virtue is being described here: *It enables us to observe the commandments and love everyone, even enemies?*
50. Which theological virtue is being described here: *it helps us trust in Christ's promises and rely on the Holy Spirit and his graces?*
51. Which theological virtue is being described here: *It enables us to believe in God and all God has said and revealed to us?*
52. Faith is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_. It is first shared with us in the “\_\_\_\_\_.” \_\_\_\_\_ is the result of the gift of faith that enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ totally to God. Christian faith unites us with a specific community of faith, the \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
53. Jesus founded the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in the world. Catholics are \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ's Body, the \_\_\_\_\_, a community of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ who lives in \_\_\_\_\_.
54. What obligation does faith require of us?
55. True or False? Faith cannot be forced.

56. True or False? Faith is based on blind trust.

**Pages 17 – 20 *The Catholic Church and Faith***

57. Jesus Christ is God's total \_\_\_\_\_ meaning he shows us who \_\_\_\_\_ is. During his time on earth he established a \_\_\_\_\_ to carry on his work in his name after his \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven.
58. Jesus founded the \_\_\_\_\_ on the Apostle Peter when he said that he called Peter the \_\_\_\_\_ upon which he would \_\_\_\_\_ his church. Christ also gave him the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
59. St. \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that the Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in the world with Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_. Through the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ we are incorporated into the Church by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
60. What are the four Marks of the Church?
61. What are two ways that the Church is *catholic*?
62. True or False? The Church is indestructible.