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Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry

Chapter 2 Directed Reading Guide

Who Is Jesus Christ?

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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.

Page 30 *The Power of Words*

1. The most important _____ ever spoken is the _____, that is, Jesus. Everything about this unique _____ reveals something about God because Jesus Christ is the _____.

Pages 31 – 34 *The Incarnation of Jesus*

2. Jesus Christ is both _____ and _____. The _____ is the distinctive and defining _____ of Christianity which teaches that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, assumed a _____ in order to accomplish our _____.
3. What happened at the Annunciation?
4. With great faith, Mary said “_____” to God’s messenger and _____ entered into God’s _____ of Salvation. Her simple and humble response to God is a _____ for all believers.
5. The _____ or birth of Jesus Christ took place nine months later. The _____ day is celebrated on _____. We associate this feast with _____ because God gave humanity the greatest gift of all – his _____.
6. Joseph was a descendant of _____ and worked as a _____, a trade he also taught his son, _____. Joseph rushed his family away to _____ when King Herod ordered the killing of all male infants in _____.
7. True or False? The Church recognizes Joseph as the patron saint of parents and celebrates his feast day on May 19.
8. The _____ of the Gospel of John provides a beautiful _____ description for the Incarnation: “In the beginning was the Word, and the _____ was with God and the Word was _____ ... And the Word became _____ and made his _____ among us...”
9. What is the danger of Docetism?
10. What four blessings did the Incarnation bring for all humanity?

Pages 35 – 38 *Learning about Jesus*

11. What we know about Jesus came from the _____. These first followers experienced the _____ of the Risen Lord in their own lives. At _____ they were transformed from frightened cowards into people who boldly proclaimed the _____.
12. True or False? Historical records verify that there was a real man known as “Jesus.”
13. What was Jesus’ message in Mark 1:15?

14. Jesus' _____ supported the claim Jesus made that God's _____ had already broken into human history. He commissioned his _____ and all of his followers to carry on the work when he was gone.
15. The way Jesus _____ and his actions led some people to think of him as a great _____, but others, including some of his own _____, thought that Jesus was _____ or unstable.
16. What things did Jesus do that threatened and angered the authorities?
17. Some _____ authorities tried Jesus and found him guilty of _____ because he claimed to be God's _____. Pilate sentenced Jesus to _____ because it was alleged that he claimed to be "_____" a crime of sedition under _____ law.

Pages 38 – 40 *Jesus, Resurrected Lord*

18. Belief in the _____, the rising of Jesus from the dead, is a fundamental _____ for every Christian. The Resurrection and _____ of Jesus reveal his _____ as God's Son.
19. The four _____ record many of the important deeds that Jesus performed and many _____ that guide us toward loving _____ for others. They were written under the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
20. What are four ways we can meet Jesus?
21. Sacraments are seven _____ signs of _____ grace the Risen Lord left his Church. They are _____ signs meaning they bring about the spiritual realities to which they point.
22. In the Sacraments Jesus comes to us in very special _____ in our life such as when we are _____ into the Church, when we receive the _____, when we are _____ and when our sins need to be _____, and when we commit ourselves to a _____ of sharing.
23. Jesus declared: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, _____."
24. Jesus lives in the Body of Christ which is _____.
25. Because God became _____ in Jesus Christ, all of humanity has tremendous _____. In other words, we have tremendous value and _____. This means, however, that we have a great responsibility to _____ as Jesus did.
26. True or False? Jesus warned that we shall be judged on how we have treated those who are outcasts and marginalized.

Pages 41 – 44 *The Mysteries of Christ's Life*

27. A _____ is a truth about God that is always beyond human _____ because God's greatness and his eternal _____ are beyond our grasp. It refers to God's _____ that was gradually revealed in human history.
28. Jesus Christ is the _____ between _____ and his saving plan. Human beings saw God most fully when he became man in him because Jesus is the _____ who came to _____ us.

29. In what ways was Jesus Christ the perfect man?
30. True or False? Jesus was born into poverty.
31. Explain why it is significant that shepherds were among the first to see the Redeemer?
32. The _____ who visited Jesus were not _____. The manifestation of Jesus to non-Jews reveals that he came as the _____ of all people. The _____ celebrates the manifestation of Jesus to the _____.
33. True or False? In Jewish thinking the firstborn child belonged to God.
34. In the Presentation in the Temple _____ recognized Jesus as the long-awaited _____. They predicted his future Death on the _____ and warned Mary that a _____ will pierce her heart.
35. The Flight into _____ and the Slaughter of the _____ reveal the _____ were at war against Jesus from the very beginning. They show that God needed to _____ his Son so he could grow into adulthood and accomplish his _____.
36. Explain what is meant by the “hidden life of Jesus.”
37. Which commandment does Jesus model for us in his childhood?
38. Jesus was separated from his parents when he was _____ years old, while on a _____ to Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph found him he was addressing teachers in the _____. They were astounded at his _____.
39. Jesus’ _____ began with his baptism by John the Baptist whose mission was to _____ for Jesus.
40. John preached a baptism of _____ for the forgiveness of sins. By _____ to baptism Jesus accepted and launched his mission to be God’s _____.
41. Jesus’ identity as the Messiah was revealed at his baptism. What did the voice from heaven proclaim?
42. What three temptations did Jesus face in the desert?
43. True or False? Although Jesus was tempted, he could not have made choices that contradicted his Father’s will.
44. Jesus is the _____ Adam, the sinless Adam before the _____. He repudiated _____ and remained faithful to God, unlike the _____ who often turned from God during their _____ in the desert.

Pages 45 – 51 *Jesus Proclaims God's Kingdom*

45. What does Matthew's attention to geographical detail emphasize?
46. What was Jesus' essential message according to Matthew? According to Mark?
47. Jesus chose _____ men to be his followers and gradually shared his _____ with them, sending them out to _____ about the _____ and healing the sick in his _____.
48. Jesus built his _____ on the Apostles and appointed _____ as their head. Peter's role was to safeguard the faith from _____. His successors, the Popes, were given the "_____ " which meant they had the authority to _____ the Church.
49. Why did Jews generally despise tax collectors?
50. The Kingdom of God is open to _____ but they too must _____. If they do, there will be great _____ in Heaven. So great is Jesus' love for sinners, he would _____ his own life "for the _____."
51. Jesus preached to the _____ and those who didn't seem to _____ anywhere. He accepted their _____ and often experienced _____ and thirst and taught that we should respond to the _____ in our midst.
52. What was Jesus' message in the parables about the man who discovered a treasure and the very special pearl?
53. Jesus, God-made-man, is a perfect example of a _____. Though he was the _____ Son of God, he humbled himself by becoming a man and by _____ and dying for us. His _____ won Salvation for us.
54. Jesus performed _____ to back up his _____ and to prove that he was the promised Messiah. Miracles were signs of the _____ and these wonderful events _____ people to believe in him.
55. What are four different types of miracles that Jesus performed?
56. The miracles of Jesus _____ the great victory he was to _____ through his Death and Resurrection. They also show us God's _____ and that people who approach God with strong _____ move Jesus and his _____.
57. What is the significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah at Jesus' Transfiguration?
58. True or False? Three times Jesus announced that his Passion and Resurrection would take place in the holy city of Nazareth.
59. True or False? Throughout the ordeal of his arrest Jesus did not resist.
60. According to the CCC, what are the two aspects of the Paschal mystery?