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Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry

Chapter 6 Directed Reading Guide

Jesus' Life Reveals His Mission

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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 142-143 *The Son of God Humbled Himself*

1. An early Church _____, quoted by St. _____, tells us that Jesus agreed to _____ himself to become a man and became an obedient _____. Jesus sacrifice on the cross opened the gates of _____ to us and for this the Father greatly _____ him.
2. True or False. Jesus is both God and man.

Pages 143-148 *The Humanity of Jesus*

3. According to the CCC, why did God become man in Jesus Christ?
4. Matthew and Luke firmly root Jesus in the flow of _____ by providing an extensive _____. Matthew showed that Jesus was part of the _____ and called Jesus Christ “the son of _____” and “the son of _____.”
5. Matthew’s genealogy includes five _____, three of which had, at one time, questionable _____: Tamar disguised herself as a _____, Rahab was a _____, and Bathsheba had an adulterous affair with _____.
6. Why might Matthew have included these women in his genealogy?
7. What two theological points was Luke making in his genealogy?
8. True or False? The genealogies of Matthew and Luke are meant to be comprehensive, tracing every ancestor of Jesus all the way back to the first human being.
9. The genealogies show that _____ was the _____ father but not the biological father of Jesus, and because Jesus was born into Joseph’s family, he had the _____ to claim himself as a _____ of King David.
10. True or False? It is likely that Mary died before Jesus began his public life – in Mark’s Gospel he was identified as “the son of Joseph.”
11. St. _____ of Poitiers was acclaimed a _____ by his citizens and was devoted to dispelling the heretical belief of _____. He was declared a Doctor of the _____ in 1851 and is known as the “Doctor of _____.”
12. Mary and Joseph raised Jesus in the _____ faith and _____. He was _____ on the eighth day after birth in accord with the Jewish _____. He was also presented as an _____ in the Temple in _____.
13. Where did Jesus grow up and live most of his life?

14. At the age of five or six Jesus would have probably begun to learn the written _____ and to read and write in both Aramaic and _____. He may have also known some _____ since there were Greek-speaking _____ who lived nearby.
15. In the _____ that Jesus received there was a tremendous emphasis on _____ which is why his disciples were able to repeat his teachings accurately. The New Testament is full of examples of Jesus _____ various Scripture passages from memory and then _____ them in ways that astounded his listeners.
16. When Jesus was _____, Mary and Joseph took him to Jerusalem for the feast of _____ where he astounded the teachers of his day with his insights and knowledge. After his parents found him in the _____, Jesus returned with them to Nazareth and was _____ to them.

Pages 149-153 *By Nature, One of Us*

17. True or False? Like every human being, Jesus had the same kind of experiences that all of us do: hunger, thirst, exhaustion.
18. What do medical experts say is the cause of death for someone who is crucified?
19. The human _____ has two powers: the intellect and _____. Our intellect enables us to _____, learn, and grow in knowledge and to process and _____ upon our emotions. Our wills enable us to choose between _____.
20. What is temptation?
21. Jesus was tempted during the _____ days he was in the desert and when _____ tempted him to be a _____ Messiah. _____ tried to turn Jesus away from his _____ during the terrible time of his Passion and _____.
22. True or False? When asked when the world was going to end, Jesus said that neither the angels in heaven nor he himself knew the day or hour.
23. True or False? In his human knowledge, Jesus had immediate knowledge of the Father and the secret thoughts of people.
24. Jesus had an unselfish _____ for many people including the _____ young man, those who came to him for _____, special friends like Martha, Mary, and _____ as well as his deep and loving friendship with the _____.
25. What are some human emotions Jesus showed?
26. True or False? As with other passions, anger is evil in itself.
27. What are two explanations for the New Testament references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters?"

28. Many _____ that Jesus told reveal a person who loved _____ and was close to it. He must have had an attractive aura because people flocked to see and hear him. _____ rushed to him and sinners were drawn to him, wanting to hear his _____ words.
29. What upset some religious authorities, causing them to see Jesus as a threat?
30. True or False? To his neighbors in Nazareth, Jesus seemed extraordinary.
31. True or False? Jesus was a real human being, who, though sorely tempted, never sinned.

Pages 153-156 Jesus Spoke about His Divinity

32. What Old Testament prophecies did Jesus fulfill during his lifetime?
33. What aspects of his suffering and death were foretold?
34. Jesus himself made _____ that were fulfilled: he predicted that he would be condemned to Death by _____, mocked by _____, betrayed by one of his _____ and denied three times by _____, as well as the destruction of the _____.
35. True or False? The fulfillment of his prophecies supported his claims to be on a divine mission.
36. Using the title “_____” for Jesus emphasizes his ordinary _____ and identification with us. It also describes him as a _____—God’s unique agent who will help usher in the fullness of God’s Kingdom.
37. Second _____ wrote the Fourth _____ Song to encourage the exiled Israelites in _____. Jesus applied these verses to _____. He was the Messiah who would _____ so that all people would have abundant _____.
38. Soon after his _____ and selection of the Apostles, Jesus returned to _____ and read a passage from the prophet _____. He announced: “Today this scripture passage is _____ in your hearing.”
39. What, in effect, was Jesus proclaiming about Isaiah’s prophecy?
40. What two points was Jesus making when he defended himself to his audience?
41. True or False? The incident at Nazareth teaches an important lesson: people really did not want to accept the Messiah nor believe in him when he had come.
42. What kind of Messiah were people expecting?
43. What is the significance of Simon Peter’s declaration?

Pages 157-160 *Jesus Demonstrated His Divinity*

44. The miracles worked by Jesus were _____ and observable events that cannot be explained by human abilities or known _____ forces – only by _____. The _____ of Jesus point to who he really is.
45. What was the greatest miracle of all?
46. What can we say about those people today who do not believe in miracles?
47. What was the irony of the story about Jesus' healing of the blind man?
48. True or False? Most people did not believe that Jesus was a great prophet.
49. True or False? Some of the opponents of Jesus could not deny his miracles, but they said that this power of Jesus was coming from Satan.
50. What is the reason Jesus performed miracles?
51. The Gospel account of the healing of the _____ man tells us that Jesus had the power to heal the _____ of human beings—their _____—as well as their _____.
52. What charge ultimately led to the condemnation of Jesus at his trial before the Sanhedrin?