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Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation

Chapter 3 Directed Reading Worksheet

The Coming of the Messiah

Date _____

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.

Introduction: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary (pages 81–86)

1. How did God fulfill his promises to Abraham and his descendants in a way that no one could have imagined?
2. What is helpful about looking at how the Gospel writers refer to passages from the Old Testament?
3. When you have a relationship with _____, you are naturally led to want to _____ your knowledge and love for him. _____ means revealing the whole of God's _____ design, fulfilled in Christ. It means seeking a _____ understanding of his words and actions and putting people into _____ with him and lead them to participate in the life of the _____.
4. No matter how God _____ the people of Israel, they could not _____ themselves. He freed them from _____ through Jesus, a name which means "_____." Jesus' name sums up his _____. Scripture reveals that evil spirits _____ the name of Jesus and his disciples performed _____ in his name. His Resurrection _____ his name and Jesus' name is central to Christian _____.
5. True or False? Repeating the holy name of Jesus meditatively is a prayer.
6. True or False? The Hebrew word Messiah means "anointed one" while the Greek word "Christ" means "son of the Father."
7. The hope for a _____ became strong among the Jews after the _____ was divided and when the office of the king was eventually lost. The Gospels report that _____ came from the messianic **line** of David. It's fitting that the messiah be anointed just as the _____, prophets, and kings were in the _____.
8. Explain how the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity were involved in Jesus' anointing at his Baptism.
9. Why was Jesus careful when using the title "Messiah?"
10. True or False? Traditionally, the Jews understood the title "son of God" to mean that the "son" was divine.
11. True or False? The Old Testament use of the title "son of God" was necessarily a claim of divinity.

12. What are two key moments in Jesus' life that God the Father clearly revealed his true divine identity?
13. In the Old Testament, the word "_____" is often substituted for _____. In the New Testament, the word is used to refer to both God the Father and _____. Early _____ used the title to express how power, _____, and glory were due to both God the Father and the Son. Today the title is often used in Christian _____ with the understanding that the title expresses Jesus' _____.
14. The Catholic Church reveres _____ above all the _____ because of her vital role in Jesus' life. Gabriel's _____ to her initiated the fulfillment of God's _____ and consequently her greatest title is "_____." From the moment of her Immaculate _____, Mary was graced by God to become the Mother of the _____, and thus, one of Jesus' most important titles is "_____."
15. True or False? God chose Mary from all eternity to be Jesus' mother.
16. True or False? The lives of the holy women in the Old Testament prepared for Mary's exalted role.
17. Why don't the biblical references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters" contradict the truth that Mary is "ever-virgin?"

Section: 1 Jesus' Birth and Early Years (pages 88–94)

18. True or False? The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John are called the *synoptic Gospels* because of their similar flow and content.
19. Each of the _____ Gospels focus on different aspects of Jesus' life story. While Matthew and _____ include details about Jesus' _____ and early years, Mark does not mention them. Instead, _____ begins his narrative around the time of Jesus' _____, highlighting the connection between Old Testament _____ and John the Baptist.
20. What details about Jesus' birth and early years do Matthew and Luke agree on?
21. What was one of the major concerns of the author of Matthew's Gospel?
22. Matthew links Jesus' _____ to Abraham and King David, communicating that Jesus is the _____ of Jewish hopes. At the same time, Matthew includes known _____ and Gentiles, showing that God can accomplish his plan of _____ even with less-than-perfect _____, and revealing that all of _____ is important to God.

23. What prophecy does Matthew quote relative to Jesus' birth?
24. True or False? Joseph plays a key role in Mark's genealogy, in part because he is David's descendant.
25. What three events from the life of Jesus are commemorated at the Feast of the Epiphany?
26. True or False? The presence of the Magi represents God's willingness to accept Gentiles among those who worshipped Jesus.
27. Explain the ways that Matthew links Jesus to Moses.
28. How is Matthew's infancy narrative consistent with Jesus' mission of salvation?
29. True or False? Although Luke interweaves the announcements and births of John the Baptist and Jesus, he clearly shows that Jesus is the Messiah, not John.
30. Mary's mother conceived her without _____. By his special and singular _____ intervention, God applied to Mary the _____ that Jesus would earn on the Cross from the moment of her _____ so that she could be truly free to say _____ to God. Although her yes might bring her ridicule and _____, Mary cooperated with God's _____.
31. True or False? Although humans suffer from the effects of Original Sin, God gives each one the grace needed to flourish in life despite the difficulties.
32. True or False? Elizabeth greets Mary and joyfully acknowledges Mary as the Immaculate Conception.
33. What does Zechariah proclaim in the *Benedictus* about the destiny of this own son, John?

34. A major theme in _____ is that Jesus comes to preach to the _____ and outcast. Mary gives birth to Jesus in a _____ because there are no suitable _____. The first people to visit Jesus are _____ and they are the first to broadcast the news of _____ to the Jews. Jesus invites humble _____ and other outsiders to be his disciples and spread his _____.
35. True or False? Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem to enroll in a census because it was the birthplace of his ancestor David.
36. What does Jesus' circumcision prefigure?
37. What do the prophets Simeon and Anna predict about both Jesus and Mary?
38. What was Jesus' reply to his parents when they found him at the Temple after being separated from him?

Section 2: *The Incarnation in John's Prologue* (pages 96–98)

39. True or False? While Matthew and Luke begin their Gospels with the birth of Christ, John opens at the beginning of creation.
40. Write the opening verses of the Gospel of John quoted by the author.
41. True or False? Redemption means that Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is both truly God and truly human.
42. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, what are four reasons the Word became flesh?
43. Write "the Gospel in miniature" below.

Section 3: Jesus' Early Public Life (pages 100–104)

44. True or False? The Gospels provide no physical description of Jesus and reveal little about his hidden years after his birth and before his public ministry.
45. True or False? Every aspect of Christ's earthly life, even the least particulars of the mysteries, has profound meaning and is a Revelation of the Father.
46. List five ways the mystery of Christ's redemptive love and suffering is at work throughout his life.
47. Through his _____ and Resurrection, Jesus _____ the world. Through _____ in Christ and the Sacrament of _____ – when we are cleansed of our Original Sin and all _____ sins – we receive a share in the justice and _____ of God. Further, we become a member of Christ's Body, the _____.
48. John's Baptism was for sinners who, _____ of their sins, would be baptized and try to live more _____ to God. Jesus, though perfect and _____, submitted to John's Baptism, displaying his _____ by allowing himself to be numbered among the sinners. From the beginning of his _____, the Lord accepted the role of God's _____.
49. What three phenomena are mentioned in all four Gospel accounts of his Baptism?
50. Jesus was sent to make us _____ in the divine nature and at his Baptism the _____ of the heavens reveals that it is God himself who has come to _____ his people. The _____ represents the Spirit whom Jesus possessed in _____ and humanity will receive the Holy Spirit when Jesus sends it upon the _____. The Father's _____ proclaims the Father's entire delight at his _____.
51. What important theological truths are revealed at Jesus' Baptism?
52. True or False? Jesus' temptations in the desert prefigured certain temptations the Church would face after Pentecost.
53. True or False? The temptations of Jesus took place after his Baptism.

