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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 8 *Jesus' Miracles & Paschal Mystery*

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 184-185 *Famous Last Words*

1. Why are people always fascinated by the last words spoken by a person who is approaching death?

Pages 185--190 *Jesus, the Miracle Worker*

2. What purposes did Jesus' miracles serve?
3. Jesus was a healer _____. He caused _____ people to see, deaf people to _____, and lame people to _____. He cured many dreaded _____ and relieved the sufferings of many others.
4. Briefly describe the typical pattern for miracle stories in the Gospels.
5. True or False? Jesus showed compassion in touching the man with the skin disease, something people simply feared to do for fear of catching it.
6. Jesus instructed the man made clean not to tell anyone of his cure.
7. True or False? The miracle of Jesus' feeding five thousand people appears in the synoptic Gospels only.
8. What are the various meanings of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand?
9. An _____ is the expulsion of an evil _____ that possesses a person or sometimes a place or _____. In Jesus' day, these spirits _____ people and sometimes drove them _____.
10. What are two lessons that come out of the story of Jesus' curing of a man possessed by an unclean spirit?
11. The Gospels record how Jesus brought the _____ back to life: the widow's son at _____, the daughter of Jairus, and his friend, _____. The raising of Jairus' daughter is found in all three of the _____ Gospels.
12. Jesus ordered the witnesses to the raising of the twelve-year-old girl?
13. True or False? All three stories about the raising of the dead clearly point to the resurrected life of Jesus and those who have faith in him.
14. How did some of Jesus' opponents explain his ability to heal people? Why was it a ridiculous claim?
15. What is at the root of many modern skeptics of Jesus' power to perform miracles?

16. Jesus' _____ are unique because, first, there is no _____ that anyone else cured such a variety of problems. Second, Jesus did not engage in any bizarre _____ to bring about the cures. Third, he did not perform miracles for _____.
17. The _____ assume that God continues to work in human _____. God demonstrated his _____ for us most perfectly by sending his Son, who became man in _____, the real _____ of God's love.
18. The New Testament uses _____ different but related words to express the concept of _____. The synoptic Gospels use the word *dynamis*, which means, "_____ " while John's Gospel uses the Greek word *ergon* ("_____ ") and *semeion* ("_____ ") for miracle.
19. What two important things do we learn from Jesus' miracles?
20. In and through Jesus, God's _____ has broken into human history. God is the ruler of _____, such as when Jesus calms a _____. Jesus has also mastered _____ and the forces of _____ when he drove out demons.
21. Further, when Jesus _____ someone from the dead, he showed that he has power over _____ and was crushing _____'s power. Miracles also show Jesus has the power to _____ sins which separates us from _____ and others.
22. How do miracles reveal Jesus' identity?
23. Miracles are _____ of the coming of God's _____. Jesus is the New _____ who inaugurates God's reign over human _____ and a sign that Satan's reign _____ at the coming of Jesus.
24. True or False? Hope plays a major role in Jesus' miracles.
25. Why was Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead one of his most significant?
26. What questions do Jesus' miracles for people to ask themselves?

Pages 191-194 People Who Encountered Jesus

27. ____ They were an apocalyptic group who believed God would usher in his Kingdom through a dramatic event.
28. ____ They were mostly aristocrats who cared for Temple practice and worship. A. Sadducees
29. ____ They believed in resurrection, divine judgment, and the value of spiritual practices. B. Pharisees
30. ____ They protested foreign taxation and occupation and fomented revolt against the Romans. C. Essenes
31. ____ They observed strict observance of the Law and developed an elaborate system of oral interpretation of the Law. D. Zealots
32. ____ A group of these Jews resisted the Romans at the mountaintop fortress of Masada until AD 73.
33. ____ Many of these Jews withdrew to the desert community of Qumran where they lived a communal life.

34. ____ They believed only the Torah was inspired and did not accept the resurrection of the dead, immortality, or the existence of angels.
35. ____ They held influence over the common people for their presence in the synagogue and their scholarly study of the Law.
36. ____ Their sacred writings, known today as the *Dead Sea Scrolls*, were discovered in 1947.
37. True or False? To call Galileans “people of the land” was a derogatory term when it was used by the Pharisees.
38. True or False? Tax collectors were hated by the Romans for their cooperation with the Jews.
39. Who were the Gentiles?
40. True or False? Pious Jews avoided contact with Gentiles.
41. During Jesus’ life, men looked on women as _____, considered too weak to follow the _____ requirements of the Law. Women were _____ during synagogue and Temple _____ and had few political _____.
42. True or False. Jesus elevated the position of women and treated them as equals.

Pages 194-201 *The Paschal Mystery*

43. What is the center of the Gospel that the Church must proclaim to the world?
44. The word _____ comes from the Jewish word for Passover and goes back to the _____ experience when God spared the _____ of the Hebrews and chose _____ to lead them out of slavery in Egypt to freedom in the _____ Land.
45. A paschal experience is a _____ from slavery to _____. Jesus’ life, suffering, Death on the _____, and his Resurrection were also a Passover experience. His _____ was a passing from the slavery of sin to the greatest freedom of all: _____.
46. The _____ enable us to live the Paschal Mystery. In _____ we are initiated into the mystery of Christ’s saving events. It is the _____ and chief sacrament of forgiveness of _____ and Jesus, himself, affirmed that Baptism is necessary for _____.
47. True or False? Baptism re-presents the Paschal Mystery, enabling us to enter into the saving events of our Lord’s Death and Resurrection.
48. True or False? Jesus came to abolish the Law.
49. Some of the _____ authorities accused Jesus of _____, a crime under Jewish law punishable by stoning to death. These authorities turned Jesus over to _____ for execution because only _____ could exercise the _____ penalty.
50. True or False? It is wrong to blame Jesus’ Death on the Jewish people as a whole.
51. Who are the real authors and instruments of Jesus’ crucifixion?

52. Jesus _____ chose to give up his life for us out of _____ for us and out of _____ to the Father. His Death and Resurrection have _____ for us Salvation, making us partners of the _____ nature.
53. True or False? Jesus Christ died primarily for his fellow Jews.
54. _____, one of the _____ who agreed to hand Jesus over to authorities out of _____, helped Jewish authorities plot Jesus' Death.
55. The _____ is the memorial of Christ' sacrifice. At the _____ Jesus changed the Passover meal into the _____ of his voluntary _____ to the _____ for our Salvation.
56. True or False? Although Jesus recoiled at the horror of death, he remained faithful and obedient in accepting his destiny.
57. Why did Jesus refuse to use violence when he was arrested at Gethsemane?
58. Jesus was interrogated before the _____ by the _____, Joseph Caiaphas, and other priests. False _____ testified against him and in the Gospel of _____ Jesus acknowledged that he was the _____.
59. True or False? Andrew, who had acknowledged Jesus to be the Messiah and Son of God, denied knowing Jesus three times.
60. Why was Jesus put to death by Roman authorities if the religious sin of blasphemy was not a crime under Roman law?
61. True or False? Pilate mistakenly thought the citizens would choose to release Jesus when he invoked a Passover custom.
62. True or False? Typically, crucified victims died of blood loss.
63. True or False? Jesus experienced the full effect of his suffering, even refusing to take a drug to help ease pain.
64. What is symbolic about the veil in the Temple tearing in two?
65. Jesus' Mother, _____, stood under the cross as well as _____ and Mary _____ and other women. Joseph of _____ asked Pilate for permission to bury the Lord. Among those who assisted the burial was _____.

Pages 201-206 *Resurrection of Jesus*

66. What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church state about the Resurrection of Jesus?
67. True or False? The Apostles and other disciples came to believe in the Resurrection when they actually *saw* Jesus.

68. On _____ morning the Gospels report how women went to the _____ to anoint Jesus' body. The angel at the tomb told them to go to _____ to meet the other Apostles where Jesus gave them the great commission to teach the Gospel to the ends of the _____ and to _____ in his name.
69. Jesus appeared to two followers on the road to _____. He explained the _____ of Sacred Scripture and shared a _____ with them. They recognized him when he took _____ that he blessed, broke, and gave to them. Then he _____ from their midst.
70. What did Jesus do when he appeared to his Apostles in the Upper Room?
71. The Apostle _____ who, at first doubted Jesus' Resurrection, declared, "_____!" after Jesus invited Thomas to _____ him. His last appearance took place on the shores of the Sea of _____.
72. True or False? In his letter to the Corinthians St. Paul states that Christ appeared to hundreds of people.
73. How were the disciples of Jesus transformed by their meetings with the Risen Lord?
74. What are some misconceptions about Jesus' Resurrection?
75. True or False? The Catechism states that the event of the Resurrection is historical.
76. The Resurrection proves that Jesus was _____ and shows how the Father responded to the false _____ and execution of Jesus with the _____ that Jesus is indeed the true _____ and the Lord God himself.
77. What is the effect of Christ's Resurrection on humanity?
78. No longer limited by space and _____, Christ our Lord lives and reigns _____. He lives in his _____, the Church, and in a special way in the powerful _____ of love he has given his Church – the _____.
79. What does it mean to call the Eucharist the sacrament of unity and love?
80. The _____ of Jesus refers to the time when Jesus stopped _____ to the disciples in visible, _____ form, when Jesus took his rightful place at the _____ hand of the Father. It is another part of the Paschal _____.
81. _____ reported that Jesus appeared to the _____ over a period of _____ days and promised to send them the _____. When he finished telling them this, he was _____ and taken from their sight.
82. On _____ the Holy Spirit descended on the _____ and gave them the power to _____ with conviction the message that Jesus is risen and is the _____ of the universe.
83. The _____, also called the _____ Coming, refers to the arrival of Jesus in all his _____ and the world we know will end. Jesus said that the _____ and date when this will take place is hidden in God's almighty plan.
84. According to Matthew, what will happen at the Parousia?