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## ***God Saves, Chapter 4: We Are Redeemed through the Paschal Mystery Study Guide***

**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. Enter the missing word or words for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

### ***Introduction: The Meaning of Redemption***

1. True or False? In a Christian context, the term “redemption” has to do with Jesus redeeming humans from the imprisonment of sin by dying on the Cross.
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ brought together human nature and \_\_\_\_\_ nature in Jesus. He alone lived in \_\_\_\_\_ with his inner self, in union with other \_\_\_\_\_, and especially in union with God the \_\_\_\_\_. He lived as God had originally \_\_\_\_\_. It was required that only the God-Man \_\_\_\_\_ the web of sin unleashed by the Original Sin of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. True or False? Christ perfected the Old Covenant prophecies in the New Covenant, emphasizing the Ten Commandments and proving his love for God and neighbor by his sacrifice on the Cross.
  
4. Note the three ways Jesus freely accepted his Father’s will and thereby reversed the wages of sin and offering redemption.
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5. True or False? Because Christ paid the full ransom for the sin of all people, its accurate to say that every person has been redeemed by Christ.

6. Catholics distinguish between redemption and salvation unlike many Protestants. Explain.

7. Jesus's words to \_\_\_\_\_ about the need to be  
 "\_\_\_\_\_ " refers to the spiritual rebirth that takes place in the  
 Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_. However, while this is the key step in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, we are required to keep the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments, as \_\_\_\_\_ once quoted to the  
 rich young man.

### **Section 1: *Christ's Death Redeems the World***

8. The three events of the \_\_\_\_\_—Christ's Passion, Death,  
 and Resurrection—are \_\_\_\_\_, and they were part of the plan of  
 God the \_\_\_\_\_. It is called a "mystery" in that redemption is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and the promise of salvation is  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Christ is the Paschal \_\_\_\_\_, the visible sign  
 of the invisible action God accomplished on our \_\_\_\_\_.

9. True or False? The individuals responsible for the death of Jesus were manipulated by God  
 because he knew beforehand how each person would respond to the free offer of grace and  
 free redeeming actions of Jesus.

10. True or False? The prophet Jeremiah prophesied a Suffering Servant who bears the  
 infirmities and suffering of all.

11. True or False? When Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road to Emmaus, he helped  
 them to understand how his Death and Resurrection were recorded in Sacred Scripture.

12. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ humanity and reconciled people with God by  
 bearing the full \_\_\_\_\_ of human sinfulness and death. Because he is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ man, he was able to bridge the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ between his Father and humans in a unique way. Jesus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ humanity and reconciled people with God, making  
 \_\_\_\_\_ holy, acceptable, and just.

13. True or False? Through the sacramental life of the Church, especially Baptism, we are all  
 invited to share in Christ's achievement on the Cross and in his Resurrection.

- 14.** Jesus's whole life was an act of \_\_\_\_\_ as well as a Revelation of the Father. He acted in \_\_\_\_\_ with the other Divine Persons of the Trinity and \_\_\_\_\_ the Father's plan of salvation. By \_\_\_\_\_ his own Son as a slave to \_\_\_\_\_ humanity, God the Father made his \_\_\_\_\_ Son to be *sin* so that he could restore humanity's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15.** True or False? While God revealed his plan by which he would show his love and forgiveness to the world in stages, called salvation history, each stage foreshadowed the Paschal Mystery.
- 16.** True or False? The sacrifice of Christ in the New Covenant is remembered and mysteriously made present in the Eucharist.

### **Section 2: *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ***

- 17.** True or False? St. Paul maintained that without the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the faith he preached was meaningless.
- 18.** True or False? There is quite a bit of historical evidence within the New Testament about the Resurrection of Jesus, but not from independent references outside of the Bible.
- 19.** Summarize three facts generally used to prove that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ was a historical event.
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- 20.** The Resurrection was a \_\_\_\_\_ event, meaning it extends \_\_\_\_\_ history and human understanding of time and space, and no one \_\_\_\_\_ it. Jesus's appearances reveal that his body was \_\_\_\_\_ and that the resurrected body was \_\_\_\_\_, meaning it was incorruptible and no longer subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ and laws of physics and chemistry.

- 21.** To proclaim that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ into hell means that at Christ's Death, his \_\_\_\_\_ went into the "abode of the \_\_\_\_\_," an appropriate way to imagine \_\_\_\_\_. His body was preserved from \_\_\_\_\_ in the grave, however, because his soul and human body were still the \_\_\_\_\_ Person of the Son. When he descended into hell, it contained both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the evil.
- 22.** Why were there righteous people trapped in hell prior to the Paschal Mystery? Who were these people?
- 23.** True or False? The parable of the *Rich Fool* is scriptural evidence that hell contained the souls of both the repentant and the unrepentant.
- 24.** How did Jews imagine Sheol?

### **Section 3: *The Significance of Christ's Resurrection***

- 25.** The \_\_\_\_\_ Creed reminds us that Christ fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament and those that he made in his earthly life through his Resurrection. The \_\_\_\_\_ was predicted in the Old Testament, and the Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ God's promises he would not \_\_\_\_\_ humankind. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ event because it has meaning not only for the life of Jesus but for everyone.
- 26.** Explain the meaning of the word "epektasis" in regards to one's growth in the spiritual life.
- 27.** True or False? In heaven we will keep our own identities and will be reunited with family and friends who have preceded us in death.

**28.** \_\_\_\_\_ in the mystery of Christ's redemption begins \_\_\_\_\_, and we participate in it through the \_\_\_\_\_ life of the Church. The Seven Sacraments were \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ as powerful signs of his living, \_\_\_\_\_ presence, and love. The unique characteristics of Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ body and the way he became present are most notably witnessed in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**29.** Explain the way we participate in Jesus's redemption through each of these sacraments:

- Baptism—
- Confirmation—
- Penance—
- Anointing of the Sick—
- Holy Orders and Matrimony—

#### **Section 4: *The Ascension of Jesus and the Coming of the Holy Spirit***

**30.** True or False? Jesus's Glorification consists of the Resurrection, his Assumption into heaven, and Pentecost, when the Apostles and Mary gathered in the Upper Room and received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**31.** Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven has roots in the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ which describes visions of a heavenly kingdom: one like a \_\_\_\_\_ will come with the clouds of heaven. First century Jews expected the \_\_\_\_\_ to arrive in this manner. Therefore, in the mind of most, the life of Jesus—having been arrested, tortured, and \_\_\_\_\_—did not match up with \_\_\_\_\_ Messianic expectations.

**32.** True or False? Jesus's ascension into heaven reveals two truths: first, he would return a second time on the clouds of heaven and second, he himself is the one, true, and eternal High Priest who provides the lasting sacrifice of on the Cross.

**33.** St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that Christ's Ascension is the "cause of our salvation" in two ways. Write these below.

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**34.** From the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, God intended human beings to \_\_\_\_\_ in his divine life. By ascending into \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of the Father, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his promise to be with the Church forever. On \_\_\_\_\_, a new era began when Jesus sent the \_\_\_\_\_ so that his victory over sin and death may be accomplished in the Church and through the \_\_\_\_\_, and the world.

**35.** Several things happened at the first Pentecost. Explain these.

**36.** \_\_\_\_\_ was united to Jesus from the moment of his \_\_\_\_\_ until his Death and was present at the first \_\_\_\_\_. Free from \_\_\_\_\_, when her earthly life was over, Mary was taken up \_\_\_\_\_ and soul into heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord made her the \_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven. This event is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Blessed Virgin Mary.