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## ***God Saves, Chapter 3: The New Covenant: Why Did God Become Man?***

### ***Study Guide***

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it. Enter the missing word(s) for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

#### ***Introduction: The Promise of Redemption Is Fulfilled in Jesus***

1. The entrance of God's \_\_\_\_\_ into the world was so momentous that \_\_\_\_\_ willed to prepare for it over \_\_\_\_\_, including both the Abrahamic and Davidic \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant established by God in Jesus Christ fulfills and \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament covenants. He \_\_\_\_\_ humans from their sins, paying their \_\_\_\_\_ in full, a reality completed through the events of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. True or False? St. Augustine taught that Jesus died on the Cross on the same day of the year as his conception: May 25.
3. True or False? Mary's "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message mirrors Christ's obedience to the will of his Father to enter the world to redeem human nature of its sinfulness.

#### ***Section 1: The Word Became Flesh***

4. Explain St. Anselm of Canterbury's answer to the question, "Why was it necessary for God to become man?"
5. True or False? In his treatise, St. Anselm agrees with the previously accepted explanation for why God became man: due to sin, humanity was under the rule of Satan and Jesus came to pay a kind of ransom to Satan.

6. True or False? It would be fitting for a mere creature to pay off the debt of sin to God because then everyone would be obliged to that righteous individual rather than to God, who alone merits honor.
7. True or False? Scholasticism simultaneously accepts biblical teaching in addition to human reason in addressing philosophical problems.
8. Summarize the two takeaways from this section on the Incarnation below.
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9. \_\_\_\_\_ became Incarnate because despite the many years of \_\_\_\_\_ offered by the Jewish people, these were not enough to bring about our \_\_\_\_\_. Though God could have redeemed the world in any \_\_\_\_\_ he chose, he became man, an act which reveals his great \_\_\_\_\_. In doing so, he became our \_\_\_\_\_ of holiness, sharing our \_\_\_\_\_ nature and inviting us to share in his \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

### **Section 2: *Learning from the Life of Christ***

10. By becoming \_\_\_\_\_, God provided visibility to his \_\_\_\_\_ mystery as there are traces of the mystery of God in all of Jesus's life on \_\_\_\_\_. Every word that Jesus spoke and every \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus took, was like a \_\_\_\_\_, a sign that makes present the \_\_\_\_\_ of the divinity and salvation he brought to the \_\_\_\_\_. In studying Christ's words and actions, we learn that we can \_\_\_\_\_ our lives after this.
11. Summarize each of the six key facts about Jesus's biography featured in this section.
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**12.** True or False? Jesus preferred to minister to the sick from afar because touching them was a gesture that, under the Law of Moses, made him ritually impure.

**13.** Jesus practiced \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning of his earthly life. His \_\_\_\_\_ – a sign of the covenant God first made with \_\_\_\_\_ – was itself an act of obedience, acknowledging Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ and membership in the people of Israel. The CCC calls his submission to his \_\_\_\_\_ life the beginning of his work of restoring what was \_\_\_\_\_ by the disobedience of Adam.

**14.** True or False? We too are to be obedient to God's will for our own lives, in imitation of Jesus. An important way to accomplish this is by memorizing the Ten Commandments.

**15.** In what ways was Jesus poor, and why did he choose to be poor?

**16.** Briefly explain two concrete ways we can become poor.

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**17.** True or False? Spiritual poverty means recognizing that we depend on God for everything, who continues to bless us with the same love he made us in.

**18.** True or False? Being poor in spirit encourages a false richness, materially and spiritually, when they displace God and become the center of our lives.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ is an ancient meditation on the life of \_\_\_\_\_. It is a prayerful way to help us understand why God chose to become \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. The Rosary is categorized into four sets of \_\_\_\_\_, each made up of 5 decades of Hail \_\_\_\_\_: the Joyful Mysteries, the Mysteries of \_\_\_\_\_, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the \_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries.
20. True or False? Pope Paul VI called the Rosary “a Gospel prayer, centered on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation ...” and in 2002 he added a new set of mysteries to the Rosary called the Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light.

### ***Section 3: Our Redemption Unfolds with the Destruction of Evil***

21. An important insight into the question as to why Jesus, the Son of God, become Incarnate, can be gained from 1 John 3:8. Write this passage below.
22. Satan, also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible, led the \_\_\_\_\_ angels to radically reject God and to instead choose \_\_\_\_\_. Although created as a \_\_\_\_\_ angel, he chose to disobey God. Satan is also known as the “\_\_\_\_\_ of darkness.” He is the one Jesus refers to as “the \_\_\_\_\_,” because, as the main figure in the \_\_\_\_\_ of human beings: he lied to Adam and Eve that eating the fruit would make them “\_\_\_\_\_.”
23. Satan \_\_\_\_\_ us in many ways using our \_\_\_\_\_ to make us seek fleeting earthly \_\_\_\_\_ and exploits us when we are \_\_\_\_\_ and susceptible to falsehoods of many kinds. Satan’s ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ is to turn us from God at the point of \_\_\_\_\_ so as to make a permanent choice to be \_\_\_\_\_ from God, separated from God in hell where there is no chance for \_\_\_\_\_.
24. True or False? Jesus became incarnate not only to destroy Satan but also his works.
25. True or False? Ultimately, some sin is disobedience to God that causes us to choose a self-centered life rather than a God-centered life.

**26.** Why does God permit Satan's evil?

**27.** In what three ways is the destruction of Satan revealed in the life of Jesus?

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**28.** Pope Benedict XVI explains three reasons why Jesus chose to be baptized although he was sinless. Summarize these below.

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**29.** Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ foreshadowed his coming Death and Resurrection. In this act, Jesus showed his perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to his Father's will and put \_\_\_\_\_ on notice. His Baptism fulfills two Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_: the coming of the anointed \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned in Psalm 2:2 and the \_\_\_\_\_ foretold by the prophet Isaiah; a servant who would suffer on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**30.** True or False? The disobedience of the "new Adam" in the desert is contrasted with the obedience of Adam and the people of Israel during the forty years of wondering in the desert.

**31.** Pope Benedict XVI observed that the three temptations of Christ parallel the temptations of the Church. Note the challenge to the Church in each instance below.

<b>Temptation of Jesus</b>	<b>Challenge to the Church</b>
<i>Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones to bread</i>	

<i>Satan tempted Jesus to throw himself off of the parapet of the Temple</i>	
<i>Satan offered Jesus the wealth of the kingdoms of the world</i>	

**32.** True or False? There are three times that Jesus predicted his Passion and Death to his disciples but they seemed unable to accept this prophecy.

**33.** What does Jesus say are the conditions for discipleship?

**34.** Peter's identification of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Messiah is confirmed at the \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ briefly revealed his divine glory to the \_\_\_\_\_ Peter, James, and John. On a mountain Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ became dazzling light and he conversed with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish law and prophecy: Moses and \_\_\_\_\_, revealing that Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of the Law and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**35.** True or False? Based on their question to Jesus about sitting at his right and left when he comes in his glory, it seems that James and John had properly accepted the difficult requirements of being Jesus's disciple.

**36.** What does Jesus tell the Twelve Apostles about the purpose of his incarnation?

**37.** During the \_\_\_\_\_ – when Judas is identified as Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ – Christ established the \_\_\_\_\_ as priests of the New Covenant. At this meal, he \_\_\_\_\_ them to celebrate the Eucharist until his return, thus fulfilling what he \_\_\_\_\_ at the synagogue in Capernaum: "whoever eats my

\_\_\_\_\_ and drinks my blood as \_\_\_\_\_ life, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him on the last day.”

- 38.** In celebrating the Last Supper in the context of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus anticipates his own \_\_\_\_\_ from death to life in the Resurrection, in addition to the final \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church into the glory of the \_\_\_\_\_. In a most distinctive manner, Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Eucharist and we need to prepare \_\_\_\_\_ when we receive Jesus in this Sacrament.

#### **Section 4: *The Kingdom of God: Already but Not Yet***

- 39.** Explain what it means to say the Kingdom of God is “already but not yet.”
- 40.** Jesus gave evidence of his \_\_\_\_\_ and the coming of God’s Kingdom in the many \_\_\_\_\_ and exorcisms he performed. There are also three occasions in the Gospels when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a person from the dead: the widow of Nain’s son, \_\_\_\_\_, and the synagogue official’s \_\_\_\_\_. These were clear \_\_\_\_\_ that the Messiah had come, a fulfilment of what \_\_\_\_\_ had prophesied.
- 41.** To reveal what the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is like, Jesus regularly told \_\_\_\_\_ which convey the heart of his message: the Kingdom of God is an entirely \_\_\_\_\_ way of believing and living. They challenge the listener to \_\_\_\_\_ and are sometimes used to \_\_\_\_\_ oneself against one’s enemies. Parables are easy to \_\_\_\_\_ and to retell.
- 42.** True or False? The message of the Kingdom of God as having simultaneously a present and future dimension is seen in several of Jesus’s parables.
- 43.** Briefly summarize each of the five themes of Jesus’s parables in the spaces provided below.

<b>Parable themes</b>	<b>What the Kingdom should be like in the present</b>
<i>You Cannot Earn the Kingdom of God; It Is Fully God’s Gift</i>	

<i>God Loves Sinners and Calls Them to His Kingdom</i>	
<i>The Good News of God's Kingdom Demands Repentance</i>	
<i>The Good News about the Kingdom of God Requires an Urgent Response</i>	
<i>Following Jesus May Bring Suffering</i>	

**44.** True or False? The world has been in its final days since the Original Sin of Adam and Eve.