

*Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe*

Directed Reading Worksheet

Chapter 2 *Jesus Christ: Lord and Savior*

**Directions:** As you read through the chapter, fill in the information below. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true or false statement is false, correct it.

**Pages 40–41 *Encouraging Words***

1. The life of Jesus Christ is “the \_\_\_\_\_ ever told” which tells us of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us. He has inspired countless \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the ages to love in \_\_\_\_\_ of him.

**Pages 42–44 *Beliefs about Jesus Christ***

2. Yahweh gradually \_\_\_\_\_ himself throughout \_\_\_\_\_, but in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ himself came into the world in the person of his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What four reasons are given in the CCC of the Catholic Faith, as to why the Word became flesh?
4. The name of Jesus comes from the Hebrew word *Yehoshua* or “\_\_\_\_\_” which means “God saves.” The angel \_\_\_\_\_ revealed this name to \_\_\_\_\_ which shows us that God had destined him to \_\_\_\_\_ the world from sin and death.
5. The Jewish religious leaders claimed Jesus committed blasphemy. What is **blasphemy**?
6. “Christ” is the Greek word for the Hebrew title \_\_\_\_\_, the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Yahweh through whom all God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the Chosen People were fulfilled.
7. True or False?  
Many Jews of Jesus’ time were expecting the Messiah to be a political leader, but Jesus understood that his role was to suffer in accomplishing the Father’s will of ushering in the Kingdom.

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8. As \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus spoke for his Father and shared the full message of salvation. As \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus offered his life for all of us on the altar of the cross. As \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus is the rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe, one who rules gently and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The Gospels repeatedly point to the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was the unique Son of God, exemplified at both his Baptism and \_\_\_\_\_ when the Father calls him his “\_\_\_\_\_.” Peter proclaims Jesus to be “the Messiah, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God,” and Jesus says he and the \_\_\_\_\_ are one.
10. The title “\_\_\_\_\_” when referring to Jesus proclaims his \_\_\_\_\_. The Greek translation of the Old Testament used the word *Kyrios* to render the most sacred name \_\_\_\_\_ which means to call Jesus Lord is to state that he is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. What is the earliest Christian creed?
12. Jesus chose to be a “\_\_\_\_\_” who took on the sins of his people and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Jesus often used the title “\_\_\_\_\_” a title which describes both his \_\_\_\_\_ and his divinity.
13. Identify the meaning of the following symbols:
- AΩ:
- INRI:

**Pages 45–49 Evidence for Jesus and His Life**

14. True or False?  
Several ancient non-Christian and non-Jewish sources provide evidence that Jesus actually existed.
15. What is a convincing argument that early Christians did not simply invent the historical Jesus?

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16. The \_\_\_\_\_ reveal Jesus to be a genius who taught with unique \_\_\_\_\_. He taught that \_\_\_\_\_ is Abba, that God's reign is in our \_\_\_\_\_, and that we should love our \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Jesus is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ who fulfilled all \_\_\_\_\_. His words and actions reveal God's active \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. The New Testament continues and \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament.
18. What is the primary purpose of the New Testament?
19. Briefly describe the parts of the New Testament.
- (a) The Gospels:
  
  - (b) The Acts of the Apostles:
  
  - (c) The New Testament Letters:
  
  - (d) The Catholic Letters:
  
  - (e) The Revelation to John:
20. The first stage of Gospel formation was the very \_\_\_\_\_. He was born around \_\_\_\_\_ BC and came onto the public scene probably in AD \_\_\_\_\_ and was crucified in AD \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
21. The second stage is called the \_\_\_\_\_ tradition. It took four forms: the \_\_\_\_\_, or preaching to unbelievers, the \_\_\_\_\_, which means to repeat the message and explain it in more depth, the \_\_\_\_\_, or celebration of the Eucharist, and \_\_\_\_\_, which involved loving service to others.

22. True or False?

The main interest of the early preachers and teachers was to accurately report the key events and sayings of Jesus.

23. The final stage was the actual \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament writings, the earliest of which were the letters of \_\_\_\_\_. Scholars believe \_\_\_\_\_ was the first gospel to be written while \_\_\_\_\_'s was the last.

24. What are three reasons the oral preaching had to be committed to writing?

**Pages 50–56 *Mysteries of Christ's Life***

25. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- The God who is a mystery is most fully revealed in the church, beginning with the apostles.
- The word mystery in the New Testament refers to God's saving plan gradually revealed to humans.
- God is a mystery because the human mind cannot completely understand his infinity, even in heaven.

26. Fill in the information below:

	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Theological Perspective</b>
Mark		
Matthew		
Luke		
John		

27. True or False?

Because Luke and Matthew drew on two very different traditions to record Jesus' birth, they don't agree on many basic facts.

28. Put the following events in the life of Jesus into chronological order by numbering them one to five:

\_\_\_ His circumcision incorporated him into the Chosen People

\_\_\_ The flight into Egypt

\_\_\_ Jesus lived a hidden life of humble obedience

\_\_\_ At the Epiphany Magi visited him

\_\_\_ He came to the world as one of the lowly poor

29. Everything about Jesus' life reveals the \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ for human living. His public life begins with his \_\_\_\_\_ by John the Baptist which shows that he \_\_\_\_\_ his mission to be God's \_\_\_\_\_.

30. What three things does Jesus' baptism reveal about him?

31. After his baptism, Jesus went into the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray, fast, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself for his difficult mission ahead. He was tempted by \_\_\_\_\_, but his response to them was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam's.

32. What is the essence of Jesus' preaching according to Mark 1:15?

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Passion, Death, \_\_\_\_\_, and Ascension of Jesus. It reveals to us that Jesus Christ is the way to \_\_\_\_\_.

34. What are the five main points of Jesus' proclamation of the good news?

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

35. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ revealed that God's Kingdom was present in his very \_\_\_\_\_ and they prove that he is the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of the messianic age.

36. At the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus gave a foretaste of the kingdom. \_\_\_\_\_ and Elijah's presence recalls how the Law and the \_\_\_\_\_ had announced the sufferings of the Messiah. It also reveals all three persons of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Pages 57–61 *Christ Died for Our Sake***

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus made through his Life, Death, and Resurrection repairs the broken \_\_\_\_\_ between God and man. It bestows God's - \_\_\_\_\_, grace, and life on mankind and adopts us into God's \_\_\_\_\_.

38. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Jesus' Death, as the New David, was for all people
- His obedient acceptance of suffering and death gave people the hope of an eternal life where there will be no suffering or death.
- Jesus' death was a Redemption, meaning a ransom that defeated the powers of evil.

39. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish teachers and leaders because of how and what he \_\_\_\_\_ and who he was. Also, by associating with \_\_\_\_\_ and extending God's forgiveness, he was claiming to be \_\_\_\_\_.

40. Certain witnesses who heard Jesus' prediction about the \_\_\_\_\_ claimed he was involved in \_\_\_\_\_ activity. Jewish authorities turned Jesus over to the \_\_\_\_\_ prefect for execution as a political criminal and potential threat to Caesar's \_\_\_\_\_.

41. True or False?

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The Apostles' Creed professes that the dead Christ went to the abode of the dead to proclaim the good news to the just who were awaiting the Messiah.

42. What is the most important event of Salvation History?
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus was a real event so unexpected by his \_\_\_\_\_ that they at first did not \_\_\_\_\_. They believed when they actually \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. These real meetings of the Risen One completely \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples into bold \_\_\_\_\_ who proclaimed that "\_\_\_\_\_!"
44. Summarize some of the misconceptions about the resurrection of Jesus.
45. The resurrection is proof of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ which shows that he was truly the \_\_\_\_\_ of God himself. It further reveals the unending \_\_\_\_\_ of God as \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus has definitely \_\_\_\_\_ sin and death.
46. Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ our friendship with God and \_\_\_\_\_ humanity, freeing us from our \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, death, and suffering. It gives us hope for our own \_\_\_\_\_ after death and \_\_\_\_\_ life with the Blessed Trinity.
47. Christ lives in His Body, the \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_, the powerful signs of love he has given his Church. In a special way, Jesus is alive in the \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord meets us in each other and in \_\_\_\_\_ of those in our midst.
48. What are three implications of saying that Jesus is seated at the Father's right hand?

49. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- The Ascension of Jesus refers to the time when Jesus stopped appearing to the disciples in visible, human form.
  - Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and gave them power to preach.
  - Easter is often known as the birthday of the Church.
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ refers to Jesus' arrival in glory at his \_\_\_\_\_ when the world we know will end. All of God's \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere will acknowledge that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_. The glorious Lord Jesus will bring about the Father's kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, love, and peace.
51. How will the Son of Man judge the living and the dead at the Parousia? Explain.

**Pages 61–64 *What We Believe about Jesus***

52. Identify which Christological heresy is being described below:
- \_\_\_\_\_ : God the Father created Jesus as the greatest of creatures
- \_\_\_\_\_ : Christ's divine nature absorbed his human nature
- \_\_\_\_\_ : Christ was two persons
- \_\_\_\_\_ : Jesus only appeared to be a man
53. List the foundational dogmatic teachings about Jesus.
- (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)



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54. The Council of \_\_\_\_\_ taught that the Son was not created, or \_\_\_\_\_, by the Father. It distinguished between *begotten* and \_\_\_\_\_ meaning the Son always \_\_\_\_\_.

55. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Many Hindus believe Jesus was a wise guru who might have come to India during his “hidden years”
- Most Jews today reject the belief that Jesus is the Messiah
- Muslims believe Jesus is God and the Savior but claim he did not die during crucifixion or rise from the dead