

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.

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?

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:

	Audience	Theological Perspective
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?

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)

(f)

(g)

(h)

(i)

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