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Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry

Chapter 1 Directed Reading Guide

God's Revelation And Our Response

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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 2 – 3 A Definitive Victory

1. Jesus' Death and _____ have won _____ for you, and for all who believe in him. The _____ shares this definitive victory of our Lord with everyone who is part of Jesus' team.

Pages 3 – 5 The Existence of God

2. To be human is to ask _____—we want to know the _____ of things. Our questions come from both our _____ but also our restless hearts for _____.
3. _____ believe that the God who made us created us with _____ that need to search for truth and _____ that ache for love which can only be found in God himself who is _____.
4. What was St. Augustine telling us when he wrote, “You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you”?
5. By opening our eyes and _____ to the beautiful _____ God created, all humans can perceive the One who made it and keeps it in _____. God speaks to us in the _____ universe he has created and keeps in existence by his _____, the Son, and his _____.
6. By nature, humans are _____ which explains the existence of so many _____ down through the ages. Humans, using their _____ intellects reflecting on the world, _____ that there is a God.
7. Explain the difference between an atheist and an agnostic.
8. God wanted to speak to humans _____ in a way that we could _____ who he truly is—so beyond us and so _____, so infinite and _____, that our unaided minds can _____ know who God is or how great and _____ he really is.

Pages 6 - 8 Divine Revelation

9. What conclusions can one draw by studying the vastness of the universe?
10. God is _____ himself. God is essentially a _____ because our _____ human _____ can only perceive so much about God which is why there have been so many different _____ throughout human history.
11. What do Christians believe about God?

12. The God of mystery _____ stepped into human history to reveal the _____ of his loving goodness by speaking to us through the _____ and the _____ in the Old Testament, and by inviting us into a deeper _____ by sending his only _____, Jesus Christ.
13. What is Divine Revelation?
14. Salvation _____ is the account of God's _____ activity for humanity that began with the creation of our first _____ and the beautiful world in which we live. Unfortunately, they fell out of _____ with him when they committed _____.
15. From the very _____, God promised to _____ us and gave us the _____ of Salvation and eternal life to the human race. Through Salvation History we learn of the gradual _____ of God's care for human beings whom he made in his _____ and likeness.
16. Through a series of _____ God bound himself to humans _____. In the _____, we learn of God's promise to be _____ to us forever while humans were to _____ faithful to him.
17. What five covenants does the author list as among the most important covenants made with God?
18. _____ is the Father of Faith for the _____ people and our spiritual father because of our shared _____ with the Jews. God _____ him that he would become the father of a great _____ with many descendants.
19. In _____ we learn how God formed _____ as his special people when he freed them from _____ in Egypt. On Mount Sinai God revealed his _____ to Moses and through him gave the _____ the Law.
20. What was the climax of Salvation History?
21. God revealed himself to Israel as "_____." For example, he chose the Hebrews and made them a _____, freed the Israelites from _____, established the kingdom of _____, and sent _____ to guide the Jews.

Pages 9 – 13 Scripture, Tradition, and the Deposit of Faith

22. God's revelation reached its climax in the coming of _____.
23. Jesus' instructions to the _____ tells how Jesus wanted them to _____ the Good News about the Kingdom of God _____ so that all people would hear about his work of _____, justice, _____, and love.
24. On _____ Sunday, the "_____ of the Church," the Holy Spirit, _____ by Jesus, descended on the Apostles and _____ them to go forth and _____ the Gospel.
25. Peter preached to the _____ who were gathered for the Pentecost feast and reviewed the events of _____ and explained how the _____ about the Messiah were fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Peter proclaimed Jesus as _____ Lord and Messiah.

26. The _____ at first preached the Good News by _____ word and later in _____ form. These were supported by the way they _____ Jesus, so courageously, that all were _____, with the exception of _____, for teaching others about Jesus Christ.
27. Why did the Apostles appoint successors?
28. The _____ of the Church of _____, the Pope, is the successor to St. Peter, the first Pope whom _____ chose to lead and govern his Church. The Pope is “the head of the _____, the Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the _____ Church.”
29. The bishops, in _____ with the Pope, are the direct _____ of the Apostles and are known as the _____. They ensure that the “_____” is faithfully handed on through the _____.
30. What are the two modes of transmission of the Deposit of Faith?
31. True or False? Sacred Tradition and the Bible refer to the same reality.
32. Sacred Scripture is the _____ word of God, a _____ of divinely inspired writings in which God uses _____ authors and their unique talents to put into writing what he wanted _____.
33. True or False? Scripture is inerrant, meaning, it contains no error.
34. The Magisterium determined which books of the _____ belonged on the _____ list of inspired writings which was decided until the Council of _____ in AD 382. The Council of _____ in 1546 solemnly declared that all _____ books found in the Catholic Bible were _____.
35. What is Sacred Tradition?
36. What is a dogma?
37. The _____ dwells in the Church and attracts the faithful to _____ the treasure of faith _____ to us and helps us recognize, _____, and live the word of _____ that comes down to us.
38. What three realities all flow from the one font of divine Revelation?
39. The two major _____ of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament. Both reveal God’s _____ of Salvation and Christians read the Old Testament in light of _____, but also seeing the gradual _____ of God’s revelation of himself in _____ history.
40. The New Testament consists of _____ books of which the four _____ are the most important. Each Gospel was written for different _____ and each provides a true picture of _____ while emphasizing different theological _____.

41. The Acts of the Apostles is a _____ of the early decades of the _____. Of the twenty-one _____ that follow, fourteen of these are attributed to _____. The Book of _____ is the last book of the Bible which encourages readers to remain faithful to _____ during a time of persecution.
42. What are the three stages in the formation of the Gospels?
43. The four _____ selected elements from Tradition, under the _____ of the Holy Spirit, either what they preached _____ or put in written form, and composed _____ accounts that would appeal to the various _____ for which they were writing.

Pages 13 – 17 Faith: Our Response to Revelation

44. True or False? We cannot live our life with God without the virtue of faith.
45. _____ is our positive response to God's _____. Out of great love, God comes to us and addresses us as his _____ in order to share his life with us. His Revelation is an _____ to accept his love and eternal life given to us through _____.
46. What are the cardinal virtues?
47. What are the theological virtues?
48. A “_____” virtue is one that draws us to God and enables us to live in relationship to the _____. Their _____, motive, and object are the one, _____ God. The Lord gives them to us as _____.
49. Which theological virtue is being described here: *It enables us to observe the commandments and love everyone, even enemies?*
50. Which theological virtue is being described here: *it helps us trust in Christ's promises and rely on the Holy Spirit and his graces?*
51. Which theological virtue is being described here: *It enables us to believe in God and all God has said and revealed to us?*
52. Faith is necessary for _____. It is first shared with us in the “_____.” _____ is the result of the gift of faith that enables us to _____ totally to God. Christian faith unites us with a specific community of faith, the _____ Church.
53. Jesus founded the _____ Church, which is the _____ of Christ in the world. Catholics are _____ into Christ's Body, the _____, a community of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ who lives in _____.
54. What obligation does faith require of us?
55. True or False? Faith cannot be forced.

56. True or False? Faith is based on blind trust.

Pages 17 – 20 *The Catholic Church and Faith*

57. Jesus Christ is God's total _____ meaning he shows us who _____ is. During his time on earth he established a _____ to carry on his work in his name after his _____ into heaven.
58. Jesus founded the _____ on the Apostle Peter when he said that he called Peter the _____ upon which he would _____ his church. Christ also gave him the _____ to the _____.
59. St. _____ teaches that the Church is the _____ of Christ in the world with Jesus as the _____. Through the Sacrament of _____ we are incorporated into the Church by the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
60. What are the four Marks of the Church?
61. What are two ways that the Church is *catholic*?
62. True or False? The Church is indestructible.