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***Jesus Christ: God's Revelation***

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 6 *The Synoptic Gospels*

**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 130-131 *Putting Others First***

1. The life of \_\_\_\_\_ is the perfect illustration of putting other first. He is the Good \_\_\_\_\_ who gave his life for his \_\_\_\_\_, stoops to pick us up, and carries us to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What are the primary sources about Jesus?

**Pages 131-139 *Introducing the Synoptic Gospels***

3. Which are the synoptic Gospels?
4. Throughout most of its history, \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel was believed to be the \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel written. It became popular in \_\_\_\_\_ services and for \_\_\_\_\_ new Christians. It also emphasizes the fulfillment of Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_, linking the Old and New Testaments.
5. What is one reason scholars now believe Mark's Gospel is the oldest?
6. True or False? The unique form of literature known as a gospel, is primarily a faith summary of the Good News of the Old Testament prophets.
7. What are the three distinct ways the term *gospel* is used?
8. Papias, a second-century \_\_\_\_\_, held that the author of the Gospel of Mark was \_\_\_\_\_, a disciple of \_\_\_\_\_ and that his writing includes some themes of Peter's preaching. The date of authorship is placed between AD \_\_\_\_\_ at around the time of the destruction of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What sources did Matthew and Luke use when they wrote their Gospels in the AD 80s?
10. True or False? The Beatitudes are found in both Mark and Luke.
11. True or False? The Parable of the Good Samaritan is found only in Luke's Gospel.
12. True or False? The Parable of the Lost Sheep is found only in Matthew's Gospel.
13. The Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ highlights Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ rather than his words, presenting a vivid, \_\_\_\_\_, and down-to-earth portrait of Jesus. Mark probably wrote for a non-Jewish \_\_\_\_\_-Christian audience undergoing \_\_\_\_\_.
14. What is a central theme of Mark's Gospel?
15. True or False? Theologically, Mark portrays Jesus as a Suffering Messiah for Christians to imitate.
16. In the first verse Mark reveals that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_. He stresses Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Gospel, for instance when Jesus expresses anger towards his \_\_\_\_\_.

17. True or False? Matthew and Luke toned down details of Mark that might cast Jesus in an unfavorable light.
18. How did Matthew change Mark's story of Jesus' lack of miracles in Jesus' hometown?
19. True or False? Mark teaches that Jesus is the Son of God who assumed human nature.
20. What three titles for Jesus are used in Mark 8:27-34? What is the meaning or relation of each?
21. True or False? Many of the various Jewish sects of Jesus' time had the same ideas of what the Messiah would be.
22. True or False? After Peter's proclamation of his true identity, Jesus warned Peter not to tell anyone.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ had difficulty accepting Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah and Jesus realized that Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ him away from his true \_\_\_\_\_. Peter was judging by human \_\_\_\_\_, not by divine ones.
24. What is a key message in the Gospel of Mark?
25. The author of the Gospel of Matthew was most likely a Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ who had a thorough knowledge of Palestine and Jewish \_\_\_\_\_. It was written during a time of increasing \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and Christians.
26. What is a major theological emphasis in Matthew's Gospel?
27. True or False? Matthew uses the title "Son of Man" more than any other Gospel and quotes many Old Testament prophecies to proclaim Jesus' identity as the Messiah.
28. Matthew presents Jesus as the new \_\_\_\_\_: as Moses gave the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Chosen People, so Jesus gave the New Law to all people. Further, the five-book arrangement of the Gospel parallels the \_\_\_\_\_.
29. The sermons of Jesus reveal him to be a great \_\_\_\_\_. The Sermon on the \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important collection of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ teaching in which he preaches about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and what is necessary to become his followers.
30. True or False? Throughout his Gospel, Matthew strives to show that Jesus Christ fulfills all of God's promises to the Chosen People and through them to all people.
31. Tradition says that \_\_\_\_\_ was a Gentile Christian who also wrote the \_\_\_\_\_. St. \_\_\_\_\_ identified him as a \_\_\_\_\_ and traveling companion and friend of St. \_\_\_\_\_.
32. Luke wrote for a largely \_\_\_\_\_-Christian audience. He highlighted the city of \_\_\_\_\_ as an important \_\_\_\_\_ in both of his works. The messianic \_\_\_\_\_ begins there and the second part of Jesus' ministry centers on his \_\_\_\_\_ there.
33. The Acts of the Apostles takes the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ to the end of the \_\_\_\_\_, starting in \_\_\_\_\_ where the Apostles received the \_\_\_\_\_.
34. What are the two major themes in Luke?

35. Why is Luke 15 the heart of the Gospel of Luke?
36. In Luke's Gospel Jesus repeatedly sought out people considered to be "\_\_\_\_\_ " such as when he cured the \_\_\_\_\_ and praised the Good \_\_\_\_\_, a traditional enemy, by making him the \_\_\_\_\_ of a parable.
37. How is Jesus' compassion evident most perfectly in his dying moments?