

“The Answer Is . . .”

Questions

1. What was Jesus' mission?
2. What does the Church call the years between Jesus' birth and his public ministry?
3. What event began Jesus' public life?
4. What did Jesus do immediately after his Baptism?
5. What is the best summary of the teachings of Jesus' that appear in the Gospels? Where is it found in the Bible?
6. According to Jesus, where is the Kingdom of God located?
7. What do we call the stories that Jesus used to teach people?
8. How did Jesus live the Reign of God?
9. Whom in particular did Jesus reach out to?
10. What is a disciple?

Answers

- [proclaiming the Reign or Kingdom of God]
- [the hidden life of Jesus]
- [his Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist]
- [went to the desert to pray for forty days and forty nights]
- [the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5–7]
- [This is a trick question; the Kingdom of God is not a place.]
- [parables]
- [through his love and care for people, his acceptance of everyone, his acceptance of his own suffering, his forgiveness of sins, and so forth]
- [the poor, the powerless, and those shunned by “respectable” society]
- [a student or a follower]

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