

Unit 1 Test Bank Answer Key

Multiple Choice

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| 1. a | 6. c |
| 2. b | 7. b |
| 3. c | 8. c |
| 4. d | 9. d |
| 5. a | 10. a |

Matching

1. b
2. d
3. e
4. a

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1. d
2. b
3. a
4. c

Short Answer

1. The Gospels are the heart of the New Testament because they are our primary way to learn about Jesus' life and saving mission.
2. Christology is the study of Jesus Christ and his earthly ministry and eternal mission.
3. The word *incarnation* comes from the Latin, meaning "to become flesh." It refers to the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of God, becoming man.
4. Paul was a tentmaker. Since Corinth was a bustling seaport city, travelers from all over the world passed through, which meant he would have many potential customers.
5. The three stages in the formation of the Gospels are the life and teachings of Jesus, the oral tradition, and the written tradition.
6. Jesus entrusts the Apostles with the job of preaching the Gospel message. They in turn hand it on to their successors, the popes and bishops.
7. Reading the letters of Saint Paul is like listening to one side of a telephone conversation because we have only Paul's half of the discussion.



Essay

Answers will vary but should include the following points:

A. Give three examples showing how Jesus' followers abandoned him when things got tough. Explain how Jesus serves as a role model for us in similar circumstances.

- Peter rebukes Jesus right after Jesus tells the disciples that the Messiah must suffer and die.
- Judas agrees to betray Jesus for money.
- While praying in the garden, Jesus asked the disciples to pray with him, but they fell asleep.
- Peter denies being one of Jesus' disciples three times.
- As Jesus dies on the cross, most of his disciples have left. Only a few of the women are brave enough to look on from a distance.
- Jesus knows what it feels like to be misunderstood and even rejected. He is rejected by his own community in Nazareth.
- Jesus continually does the right thing, even when the right thing can result in great personal sacrifice.
- He is our role model. The difficulties we experience in our lives, and the emotions that come with them, are not unlike what Jesus himself experienced.
- We have a Savior who understands what it is like to be human.
- Because Jesus is like us in all things except sin, we can look at how he reacts to situations and use those examples as the perfect model for how we should act in similar circumstances.

B. Explain why God would humble himself to take on flesh and live among us.

- God takes on human form because God is beyond our human understanding. In order for us to have an understanding of God, grace, or salvation, God has to approach us in a way that we can relate to.
- We can understand God better through something we already know through human experience.
- God's taking on human form in the Person of Jesus provides the frame needed to understand more fully God and his saving love for us.
- God became flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ because he wants to be as relatable to us as possible.
- By reading the stories of Jesus' struggles and triumphs, we have something to identify with.
- God humbles himself and becomes man because he wants to be sure that we understand his message of salvation.

C. What difference does it make that Jesus is true God and true man?

- Because Jesus is one Divine Person, a union of a fully human nature and a fully divine nature, we know and experience Jesus' divinity through his humanity. We come to know Jesus as God Made Flesh among us, through knowing Jesus the man.
- Jesus' earthly life, including his emotions, friendships, values, and priorities, reveals God to us in a unique and powerful way.
- Jesus' compassion reveals that God loves us without any conditions.
- Jesus' teachings and actions make it clear that God's justice is focused on mercy and forgiveness.
- Jesus' death on a cross makes it clear that God's saving power comes through sacrificial love.

