Unit 1 Test Bank

Multiple Choice

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. During the time of Jesus, what part of the population would be considered wealthy?

1. a very small part
2. about a third
3. none

most

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of the following best describes Pontius Pilate?

1. He was given all his power by Herod the Great.
2. He was a ruthless Roman governor who ordered mass crucifixions of Jews.
3. He was in charge of the Sanhedrin.

He was the head priest of the Temple.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. When and where do many scholars believe the Gospel of Mark was written?

1. AD 50 in Philippi
2. AD 60 in Jerusalem
3. AD 70 in Rome
4. AD 90 in Bethlehem

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. What does Jesus repeatedly do in Mark’s Gospel?

1. He repeatedly makes references to his mother.
2. He repeatedly initiates Apostles.
3. He repeatedly asks for money.
4. He repeatedly runs into opposition.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What does Jesus call Peter when Peter rebukes Jesus for saying he will suffer, be killed,   
and rise on the third day?

1. Satan
2. my beloved disciple
3. friend
4. confused

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of the following is true about Jesus’ Crucifixion and the Roman Empire?

1. He is the first person crucified in the Roman Empire.
2. He is one of only three people crucified in the Roman Empire.
3. He is only one of thousands of people crucified in the Roman Empire.
4. The leaders of the Roman Empire believed that Jesus would soon return for the  
   Last Judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following best describes the synoptic Gospels?

1. They are written only in Hebrew.
2. They are written in a similar style and with similar content.
3. They were written for the Christian community in Jerusalem.

all of the above

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. What does papal infallibility mean?

1. the Pope never sins
2. everything the Pope says is true
3. statements of the Pope are always true when he speaks in his official role on a belief related to faith or morals

the Pope is always right when all of the bishops of the Church agree with him

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. At Jesus’ Baptism and Transfiguration, what is he called by God?

1. the unblemished lamb
2. the Lamb of God
3. the one true teacher
4. my beloved son

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which of the following best describes faith?

1. Faith makes it possible for us to say yes to God.
2. Faith allows us to fully understand God.
3. We can never decline God’s gift of faith.
4. all of the above

Matching

Column A

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. A person who voluntarily suffers death because   
of one’s beliefs.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. A day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jews from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hebrew word for “anointed one.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Those who denied their faith, and perhaps even turned   
in their fellow Christians to save their own lives, were called this.

Column B

apostates

martyr

Gospel

Sabbath

Messiah

Matching

a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. This Gospel’s theology focuses on Jesus as God’s Divine Son. It goes into great detail about Jesus’ relationship with his disciples, with God the Father, and with the Holy Spirit.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. This Gospel starts with Jesus as an adult and does not even mention Jesus’ birth. It focuses on graphic details and shows the humanity of Jesus as he relates to his closest followers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. This Gospel focuses on the connections between Jesus and the traditions found within the Old Testament. Jesus’ speeches would remind Jewish readers of the five books of the Torah.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jesus’ life is presented in a way that challenges society’s limited perspectives. It includes stories about people not highly valued by society, like the poor and widows.

Short Answer

1. Why are the Gospels the “heart of the New Testament”?
2. What is Christology?
3. Where does the word *incarnation* come from? What does it mean?
4. How did Paul make a living? Why was that job particularly useful in Corinth?
5. List the three stages in the formation of the Gospels?
6. To whom does Jesus entrust the preaching of the Gospel message? To whom do they hand it on?
7. Why is reading the letters of Saint Paul like listening to one side of a telephone conversation?

Essay

1. 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.
2. Explain why God would humble himself to take on flesh and live among us.
3. What difference does it make that Jesus is true God and true man?