

Synoptic Parallels Questions

Circle the Gospel on which your group is focusing:

Mark, chapters 1–3

Matthew, chapters 3–4 and 8

Luke, chapters 3–5

Please wait for directions from your teacher before beginning work.

1. Who appears in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins?

2. What happens to Jesus in the Jordan River?

3. What happens to Jesus in the desert?

4. Describe Jesus' healing of the paralytic. For example, what does Jesus say? Why are some people in the surrounding crowd not pleased with Jesus' action? What else is interesting or unusual about this story?

5. Who does Jesus identify as his true family members—his brother, sister, and mother?

6. Why does Jesus go to live in Capernaum, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali?

7. Who are the first four disciples Jesus calls to follow him? What are the circumstances or events surrounding this call?



8. Who approaches Jesus and asks to be cured? How does Jesus respond?
9. Who approaches Jesus and asks for someone else to be healed? For whom does he ask for healing? How does Jesus respond?
10. What family member of Peter's does Jesus heal?
11. What does Jesus do in the synagogue at Nazareth? How do people respond to him initially? How do they respond after he continues teaching them?
12. What explanation does Jesus offer for why his disciples do not fast?
13. How does Jesus heal the Gadarene demoniacs? Where does he send the demons?
14. What does Jesus do before he leaves Capernaum?
15. What is the name of the tax collector whom Jesus calls to follow him? What, and whom, does the tax collector host at his home shortly thereafter? Who objects to this event, and why? How does Jesus respond to that objection?

