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Unit 2 Reading Guide

New Testament: God’s Plan Fulfilled

Chapter 4: The Life and Teachings of Jesus

Article 16: The Birth of Christ

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Matthew and Luke are primarily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ statements about the person and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. In other words, the accounts of Jesus’ birth and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ focus on explaining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *,* rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *.*
2. The Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begins with a genealogy traced through Joseph’s family. Notice that it begins with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the father of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith. The Gospel’s Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would have felt an immediate connection to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the Gospel identifies him as a “son of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (1:1).
3. Although Jewish genealogy was traced through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , there are four women, besides Jesus’ mother, Mary, mentioned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and “the wife of Uriah” (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
4. Matthew’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes a point of recognizing the important role that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ played in Jewish history.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a Hebrew word meaning “God is with us.” For the Jewish community, the presence of God was found in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which was kept in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. In contrast to the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ infancy narrative emphasizes Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and breaks down \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances of Jesus’ birth, the recognition of the poor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and the Gospel’s emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must have made an impression on Luke’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . His infancy narrative, and much of the rest of his Gospel, places no importance on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ status.
8. Luke takes Jesus’ ancestry all the way back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It is his way of telling his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ audience that, yes, Jesus is a son of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but he is also a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our very first parents. That points to a truth that will be fully revealed later in Jesus’ ministry, that both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are included in God’s plan of salvation.

Article 17: In the Flesh

1. The term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes from a Latin word meaning “to become flesh.” It refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of God, becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Through the Incarnation, Jesus Christ became truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while remaining truly   
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who heals the sin of our first ancestors and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that came about as a result.
3. Because Jesus is both truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between humanity and God.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a person who acts as a “middle man” or a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” between two or more parties to help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of misunderstandings or language barriers, or bring about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Another way the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ describes the reconciling work of Christ is by giving him the title, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or “the last Adam”). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gives Jesus this title in his First Letter to the Corinthians and in his Letter to the Romans (see 1 Corinthians 15:45).
6. God created Adam to live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him in a state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and justice, but Adam chose to sin. Jesus Christ became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; he embodied the union of God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was intended for the first Adam. In doing so, Jesus allowed the grace of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become available to us all.
7. Mary is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God because she is the mother of Jesus Christ, who is one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with two natures, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Because she carried the Son of God in her womb, she is given the title of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *,*a Greek word meaning “God-bearer.”
8. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II found it “fitting to add . . . a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in his public ministry” and added the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries (“On the Most Holy Rosary,” October 16, 2002).

Article 18: Bearing the Burden

1. Intentionally letting go of the things you really want can be an act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes it can be very painful. But it can also lead you to become more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , more empathetic to other people’s losses, and more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Jesus embraced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and encouraged his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.
2. The problem of wealth is not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself, but the ease in which it can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us from doing God’s will. By giving it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it with others, we free ourselves to focus on what is of lasting value: the building up God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Did Jesus really believe that Peter was “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”? Nothing else in the Gospels leads us to think that. Recall that Jesus sometimes used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , or exaggerations, to make a point. He wanted his disciples to know that his Passion and death were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elements of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Christ also wanted them to know that sharing in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is part of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mission as well. Right after this incident, Jesus made it clear that there is a cost for being his follower: “Whoever wishes to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after me must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself, take up his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and follow me” (Mark 8:34).
5. It is difficult enough hearing that being a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to help others. On top of that, Jesus informs his disciples that they might also be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well.
6. When the Gospels were written—some forty to seventy years after Jesus’ death and Resurrection—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were increasingly persecuted by both the Jewish and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authorities.
7. There are numerous places where Christians have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terrible waves of persecution. In some parts of the world today, merely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourself as a Christian requires great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Christ’s entire life was a work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that revealed the Father’s love for us. His poverty, his sacrifice, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to endure persecution, and his selfless love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us how we are to live our lives.

Article 19: Grabbed from the Grave

1. Before his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, the Son of God also offered hints to his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over death, as in these three accounts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jairus and the (hemorrhaging) woman plays an essential role: God’s presence is always there for us, but we must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God to change our lives.
3. Many scholars attribute the similar accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke to Luke and Matthew’s use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their writings.
4. It might seem odd to us that Matthew mentions the presence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ players at the home when Jesus arrives. However, knowing about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the time helps us understand. In this case, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ families followed a set of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when someone died.
5. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel that tells the account of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lazarus from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see 11:1–44). Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of and deeply loved by Jesus (see 11:5).
6. For Martha, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but she does not see him as the Lord over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Jesus leads her toward a deeper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and understanding of who he is.
7. The most striking and terribly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aspect of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Lazarus is that it acts as the breaking point that leads to Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Chapter 5: Jesus’ Death: Four Perspectives

Article 20: One Threat in Five Events

1. The three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gospels include Jesus quoting the prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , through whom the Lord said, “Has this house which bears my name become in your eyes a den of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?” (Jeremiah 7:11). By repeating this quote, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the leaders of his time for refusing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the aliens, orphans, and widows, as well as for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. In the cleansing of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Jesus publicly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and questions their integrity. It is not surprising that they see him as a very dangerous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. By including this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account (by a woman) just before Jesus’ death, the Gospel authors are making the point that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who saves us from sin. It also foreshadows his role as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who offers the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—himself (see Hebrews 5:1–10).
4. Jesus’ acceptance of women’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in public and religious life and his promotion of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is another way he is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Jewish leaders.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel does not mention Judas meeting with the chief priests, but he does mention the influence of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see 13:2), as does Luke (Luke 22:3). Judas is a warning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not to assume that just because we follow Christ we are above \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Recall that John places Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to symbolize his role as the slaughtered lamb. Second, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meal in John does not include Jesus establishing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; there is no mention of bread and wine.
7. Instead, John records a set of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus in which he prepares the Apostles to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after his death and Resurrection.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ priests of high rank in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . They had administrative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and presided over important Temple functions and were probably leaders in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 21: Why They Killed Jesus

1. Jesus’ presence and teachings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the very livelihood of all those associated with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , particularly the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Mark and Matthew explicitly say that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see Mark 14:64 and Matthew 26:65). Luke and John don’t use that word, but certainly imply it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel describes the charges against Jesus with the most detail. “We found this man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our people; he opposes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Caesar and maintains that he is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a king” (23:2).
4. The chief priests also claim that Jesus was “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people to revolt” (23:14). In all four Gospels, Pilate addresses the accusation that Jesus is “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews.”

Article 22: Carrying the Cross

1. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus by hailing him as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews,” spitting on him, and beating him even more—a description much like the treatment of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prophesied by Isaiah.
2. Compared to the other Gospels, John tends to focus more on Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and portrays him as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in control of his destiny.
3. Like Simon, we are also called to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his cross, to participate in his mission. That is why Christians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crosses on our necklaces, T-shirts, and the walls of our homes, so that we never lose sight of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consists of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ events and is commonly used as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the individual or group moves from station to station.

Article 23: Crucifixion and Death

1. To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone, soldiers would attach the victim’s arms to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ using rope, nails, or both. They would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the beam and fasten it to the post or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , then nail or tie down the victim’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Depending on how it was done, death by crucifixion could come in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , or it could be sadistically drawn out to last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. [Otherwise,] the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the body pulling down on the arms made it increasingly difficult to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . If they wanted a victim to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , they might break his legs so that he could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself. In that case he would soon die of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Others could die of thirst, hunger, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , exposure to the elements, heart failure, or any combination of these factors.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was intended to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and painful death and was purposefully done in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view so that many people would see it. A sign was hung around the neck or placed above the victim to identify the person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. All of this was done to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others from committing the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It was a Roman form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used to frighten the population into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Some of the other details in the Gospel accounts are connected to Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . For example, all four Gospels include the scene in which the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to divide Jesus’ garments among themselves.
6. [Recall that] the sanctuary was an area of the Jewish Temple called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , where the Ark of the Covenant, the place in which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ symbolically resided, was kept. Only the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could pass behind that veil, and only once a year on the Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
7. When Jesus died, he atoned for all our sins, so the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was torn and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was laid bare for all to see. With no veil to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, all of humanity had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s presence.
8. (The Gospel of) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reports that instead of breaking Jesus’ legs, as they did with the others crucified with him, the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ side with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flowed from the wound.

Chapter 6: Resurrection and Ascension

Article 24: Nothing in the Dark?

1. Just as the prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was hidden for three days in the belly of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , so too was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hidden for three days in the “belly” of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. All four Gospels name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the person who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, but their descriptions of him vary. John says that Joseph was secretly Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see 19:38). In Matthew, Joseph is described as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man (see 27:57) who laid Jesus in his own new tomb.
3. His body was then wrapped in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cloth and laid in Joseph’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It was also the custom to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the body with spices and oils.
4. There is a detail about Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that only the Gospel of Matthew includes. Matthew tells us that Pontius Pilate placed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the tomb (see 27:62–66). In this account, the chief priests and Pharisees warn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus’ claim that he would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three days after his execution (see 16:21).
5. They are worried that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the body and claim that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which will cause problems for them if the word spread to others. We learn that these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are frightened when the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occurs (see 28:4).
6. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says that after his death and prior to his Resurrection, Jesus “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .” This means that Jesus “experienced death and his soul joined the others in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the dead. But he descended there as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , proclaiming the Good News to the spirits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there”1 (*CCC*, number 632).

Article 25: What Is Resurrection?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rising of Jesus from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the third day after his death on the cross. He is not simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back to the same life he had before; rather, Jesus truly dies, passes through and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and returns to a new and different life.
2. Mortal bodies will get old, die, and decay, but a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body is eternal and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Corinthians 15:42). This could explain why some of the disciples find Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after his Resurrection (see Luke 24:15–16; John 20:14, 21:4).
3. The New Testament writers offer many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who testified to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ including the eleven remaining Apostles, Mary Magdalene and the other women, and the two disciples outside \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Besides the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ witnesses, there are a few other things that point to the Resurrection being an authentic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ event.
5. Jesus lived in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ society where women were considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to men. They thought so little of women’s testimony that women were not allowed to be used as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in court. Yet, in all four Gospels, the first witnesses of the empty tomb were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. If the disciples were going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about it, naming the women as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would have been a terrible idea. The only logical reason the evangelists would do this is because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Another aspect to consider is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ situation that Jesus’ followers found themselves in immediately before and after his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Why would they continue to put their lives in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
8. The only reasonable explanation for all this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that the early Christians experienced the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . This event forever changed their lives and they dedicated themselves to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection. The Resurrection is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 26: Resurrection Appearances

1. When Jesus sat at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , “he took \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , said the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , broke it, and gave it to them” (Luke 24:30). It was then that their eyes were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but as soon as they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, he vanished.
2. Looking back, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that their hearts were “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [within us]” the whole time they were with him (24:32).
3. A “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” heart, then, is one that is filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and guides us toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Another thing the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection teach us is how we might \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead. John’s Gospel offers us at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ different examples of the disciples’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Resurrection:
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disciple (John) believes before he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *of* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is highlighted because it is the response of “the beloved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”
6. The second response is the example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ herself. It was only when Jesus called her by name that she realized who he was (see 20:11–18). This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *of* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Like Mary, we sometimes struggle to find God in our lives, even when he is right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our face.
7. When (Thomas) heard about Jesus’ Resurrection, he said to the others, “Unless I see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the nails in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and put my finger into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and put my hand into his side, I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (20:25).
8. Thomas shows us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Note that doubt is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a bad thing in this account. Only when someone can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their doubts can they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.
9. The fourth faith response comes from all of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had the privilege of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ physical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Earth—including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! This is the response of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Jesus had accurately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knowing him three times (see John 18:15–18,25–27). After the Resurrection, Jesus offers Peter a chance to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his love for him. Just as Peter had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him three times, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him.

Article 27: The Ascension

1. Though some of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people believed their body kept them from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world, Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tells us the opposite: he ascended into Heaven *with a* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Recall that before Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he promised to send the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . This is why the Ascension is closely tied to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , for it means that Christ’s Ascension has cleared the way for the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. At that time, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understood God to be in the heavens above the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , so it was appropriate to describe Jesus as being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” as he returned to Heaven.
4. They believed that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven and Earth sometimes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other. The Old Testament records numerous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of angels on Earth.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a reminder that Heaven and Earth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all around us, and that by following Jesus on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , we will also follow him into our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

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1. Gen. 2:17.