

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 4

Important Information for All Three Options

The following are the main ideas that you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so that your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content:

- Matthew portrays Jesus as the New Moses, the fulfillment of the ancient promises made to the people of Israel.
- In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus proclaims the Reign of God in powerful teachings to disciples of every generation.
- Luke portrays Jesus as a universal Savior, extending God's love and mercy to all people.
- In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus proclaims the Reign of God in acts of compassion on behalf of the poor and marginalized.

In addition to demonstrating understanding of these four main concepts of the unit, your final performance task must also contain or demonstrate the following:

- In-depth, substantial content appropriate for an upper-level high-school religious studies course
- Responsible and accurate use of Scripture
- Substantive content that creatively and accurately engages with and interprets the material of this unit
- Proper grammar, spelling, and diction
- A neat and well-organized presentation

Option 1: An Exegetical Paper

Based on the infancy narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, write an exegetical paper that demonstrates the distinctiveness of these two Gospels. Use one of the exegetical methods you studied in unit 2, and consult at least three sources of information other than your student book. Your paper should follow this structure:

- An introduction that situates the infancy narratives within the broader contexts of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke
- An overview of the major topics, questions, or problems regarding the infancy narratives that your paper will explore



- A explanation of the methodology you will use to compare and contrast the passages, as well as interpret them—that is, literary, sociohistorical, or ideological—and a brief justification for your choice of that methodology
- At least three substantive body paragraphs in which you compare and contrast the infancy narratives using the methodology you have chosen and present your interpretation of the texts
- A bibliography

Option 2: Comparison and Contrast of the Christology of Matthew and Luke Using Art

Because of your scriptural expertise, as well as your artistic ability, a curator of a local art gallery has asked you to create two images of Jesus that illustrate the distinct Christologies of the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke for an exhibit that features art based on those two Gospels. Your presentation for the curator should include the following:

- Two original images of Jesus from the Gospels—one from Matthew and one from Luke. (With your teacher’s approval, you may use two art pieces from another source. Be sure to include the artists’ names and the sources of the art.)
- A three- to four-page paper that clearly compares and contrasts the two images and explains how they illustrate the distinct natures of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Include at least two references from each Gospel (four scriptural references total) that explain the distinct Christology of each Gospel.

Option 3: A Lesson Plan for Your Local Parish Confirmation Class

The director of religious education at your local parish has asked for your help in preparing students for Confirmation. In particular, she would like you to teach a class about the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to help her students understand the Gospels’ similarities, as well as what makes them distinct. Your lesson plan should include the following:

- A detailed outline for an hour-long class
- One or more visual components (such as a handout or PowerPoint presentation)
- At least one interactive activity that allows students to engage with the Gospel texts and with one another to understand what is unique about each Gospel and its Christology

