

# Four Portraits of Jesus Answer Key

<b>Gospel of Matthew Portrait of Jesus</b> <b>Teacher and Prophet, Like Moses</b> <b>Matthew 4:23–5:11, Matthew 13:44–48, Matthew 25:31–47</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus teaches and heals</li> <li>• The Beatitudes</li> <li>• Parables about the Kingdom: Treasure in a Field, Pearl of Great Price, a Net Full of Fish</li> <li>• The Last Judgment (Parable of the Sheep and the Goats)</li> </ul>
<b>1. In what ways is Jesus portrayed as a teacher and prophet like Moses in these passages?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus teaches through his words (including through parables) and actions.</li> <li>• Like Moses delivering the Law from Mount Sinai, Jesus delivers the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, focusing on the Law of Love.</li> </ul>
<b>2. What is the central message of his teaching?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To love and serve one another.</li> </ul>
<b>3. What do these passages teach us about the Kingdom of God?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is worth giving our lives for.</li> <li>• It will bring us joy.</li> <li>• It is available to all people.</li> </ul>
<b>Gospel of Mark Portrait of Jesus</b> <b>The Suffering Servant of God</b> <b>Mark 8:27–37, Mark 9:30–32, Mark 11:12–14</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus predicts his Passion and death.</li> <li>• He teaches the disciples that the Messiah must suffer and die.</li> <li>• He shows human needs and emotions such as like hunger and frustration.</li> </ul>
<b>1. In what ways do these passages highlight Jesus' humanity?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They show that Jesus experienced human needs and emotions, such as hunger and frustration.</li> <li>• They indicate that he truly suffered and died on the cross.</li> </ul>
<b>2. How does Mark emphasize Jesus as the Suffering Servant of God?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus speaks openly about his coming suffering and death, even though this makes his disciples upset and uncomfortable.</li> </ul>
<b>Gospel of Luke Portrait of Jesus</b> <b>Compassionate Healer</b> <b>Luke 4:14–22a, Luke 10:25–37, Luke 16:19–31</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus uses a passage from the prophet Isaiah to teach about his mission.</li> <li>• Parable of the Good Samaritan</li> <li>• Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man</li> </ul>
<b>1. According to Luke, what is Jesus' mission?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reach out to all people—especially those who are poor, outcast, or marginalized in some way—and share with them the Good News of God's Kingdom.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Whom does Jesus unexpectedly highlight as an example of goodness? What does this tell us about who Jesus is?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus highlights the Samaritan's compassionate actions.</li> <li>• Because Jews at that time hated Samaritans, this tells us that Jesus is not bound by society's views of who is good, worthy, or capable of being a role model.</li> </ul>



<b>Gospel of John Portrait of Jesus</b> <b>Incarnate Word of God</b> <b>John 1:1–18, John 15:1–5, John 16:25–28</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The poetic prologue to John's Gospel</li> <li>• The vine and the branches</li> <li>• Jesus came from God the Father and will return there.</li> </ul>
<b>1. How do these passages demonstrate John's emphasis on Jesus' divinity?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They show that Jesus is the Divine Word of God, pre-existent with God since the beginning of time.</li> <li>• Through the Incarnation, Jesus became flesh and lived a human life on Earth.</li> <li>• In his death and Resurrection, Jesus returned to God the Father.</li> </ul>
<b>2. What symbols or images does John use to speak of Jesus' divinity?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Word of God is God's "light" coming into the world.</li> <li>• "I am" indicates Jesus' divinity (connection with God's Revelation to Moses).</li> <li>• The vine and the branches: Jesus is the "true vine," and God the Father is the vine grower.</li> </ul>

