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*Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation*

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Chapter 5 Directed Reading Guide

*The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ*

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

**Pages 110 – 111 *So Another Might Live***

1. The humility and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ has inspired many people to live and \_\_\_\_\_ for him. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan \_\_\_\_\_, asked to die for another man at Auschwitz. He was canonized as a “\_\_\_\_\_” by Pope John Paul II in 1982.
2. True or False? St. Maximilian Kolbe died so that one man might live—Jesus died so that all people might have eternal life.

**Pages 111 – 116 *Christ’s Redemptive Death***

3. What is a martyr?
4. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ Death on the cross was part of the mystery of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation, promised to humanity immediately after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve.
5. God did not abandon \_\_\_\_\_. He sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem us from our sins. Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_, the Suffering Servant, who bore the sins of the people and the \_\_\_\_\_, the symbol of Israel’s Redemption at the first \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus showed us the depth of \_\_\_\_\_ by his Passion and Death. His sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ us, took away our sins, and restored us to \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Jesus chose to be crucified to prove \_\_\_\_\_ his immense love for us.
7. True or False? Jesus took on our guilt and died a death we deserve.
8. What were the two purposes of Roman crucifixion?
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ charge against Jesus was that he was “the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews.” \_\_\_\_\_ condemned Jesus to death after hearing \_\_\_\_\_ against him and examining him in a hearing. Pilate caved in to the demands of the \_\_\_\_\_ and had Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and crucified.
10. Jesus’ role was not one of political or \_\_\_\_\_ power, but one of humble \_\_\_\_\_. Both Pilate and the \_\_\_\_\_ who opposed Jesus viewed him as a \_\_\_\_\_ to Roman authority and the relatively peaceful relations the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ had with Roman occupation forces.
11. Who was ultimately the one person responsible for Jesus Death?
12. True or False? Among the Jewish officials who were upset by Jesus were the Zealots, a strict Jewish sect that tried to perfectly follow the requirements of the Mosaic Law.
13. True or False? Jesus criticized the Pharisees who followed certain customs to avoid responsibility for paying lip service to what God really requires.

14. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his association with sinners by sharing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the prodigal son, justifying his behavior by showing that he and his Father are \_\_\_\_\_. To make the claim to forgive sin was considered \_\_\_\_\_ and a crime punishable by \_\_\_\_\_ to death under Jewish Law.
15. When did Jesus explicitly claim to be God?
16. True or False? Some religious leaders thought that Jesus was possessed by Satan.
17. A tipping point in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus came shortly before his \_\_\_\_\_ when he predicted that the temple of his \_\_\_\_\_ would be destroyed and rebuilt in three days. Certain \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted Jesus' prediction as an attack on the \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The chief priest and members of the \_\_\_\_\_ had an economic and religious interest in the \_\_\_\_\_ and they feared \_\_\_\_\_. They wanted the peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ that kept them in power and did not want the Romans to clamp down a rebellion with \_\_\_\_\_.
19. For many Jewish leaders, what was the most outrageous and blasphemous claim Jesus made?
20. A tragic \_\_\_\_\_ reality has been to blame the \_\_\_\_\_ as a whole for the death of Jesus. Today, \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews as a people for Jesus' death—a form of \_\_\_\_\_—is contrary to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
21. Who are the real authors and instruments of Jesus' crucifixion?
22. True or False? The Church has always held that Christ underwent His passion and death freely, in order that all may reach Salvation.

### **Pages 116 – 119 Overview of the Passion Narratives**

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel. The Passion narratives were probably the \_\_\_\_\_ stories about Jesus proclaimed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Church—they were formed and added very quickly to the \_\_\_\_\_.
24. True or False? The Passion narratives included many references to pagan prophecies that alluded to the death of the Messiah.
25. What common elements do each of the Paschal narratives include?
26. True or False? The Evangelists shaped the events of Christ's Passion in order to emphasize certain theological points.
27. True or False? Mark's Gospel presents the disciples of Jesus in a more favorable light than Matthew and Luke.

28. True or False? The passion narrative in John describes Jesus in control of the events.

**Pages 119 – 127 Tracing the Events of Our Salvation**

29. Jesus enters Jerusalem during the week before \_\_\_\_\_, the feast that celebrates God's deliverance of the \_\_\_\_\_ from slavery into freedom. Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a \_\_\_\_\_, fulfilling the prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_, and the crowds greet Jesus as a \_\_\_\_\_.
30. Jesus enters the Temple area and drives out the \_\_\_\_\_. His charge that the Temple had become a \_\_\_\_\_ showed that he had authority over the religious practices of \_\_\_\_\_, a fact that \_\_\_\_\_ the religious leaders.
31. True or False? The plan to arrest Jesus without causing an uprising, failed.
32. Why do the Pharisees and Herodians also oppose Jesus?
33. Why did the Sadducees oppose Jesus?
34. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the generous actions of the anonymous woman who \_\_\_\_\_ his head with expensive \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethany. It \_\_\_\_\_ the anointing of his body after his Death. This woman of simple \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes Jesus' true identity and \_\_\_\_\_ when so many others do not.
35. True or False? The Gospels of Luke and John both mention that Satan influences Peter's decision to betray his friend.
36. Jesus celebrates a \_\_\_\_\_ with his Apostles where he instituted the \_\_\_\_\_, a celebration of Jesus' Passover from death to \_\_\_\_\_ and the gift of himself to \_\_\_\_\_ under the forms of bread and wine.
37. True or False? The Eucharist that Christ instituted at the Last Supper is the memorial of his sacrifice.
38. On the way to the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus predicts that the disciples will flee during the coming \_\_\_\_\_. But he also \_\_\_\_\_ them that after his Resurrection, he will go before them to \_\_\_\_\_ where he will \_\_\_\_\_ his flock.
39. What is the perfect prayer of Jesus that he prayed in the garden?
40. During his trial Jewish officials try to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ against Jesus in order to pronounce a \_\_\_\_\_ against him. Joseph Caiaphas, the former \_\_\_\_\_, asks Jesus if he is the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God. Jesus affirms that \_\_\_\_\_.
41. True or False? Under Jewish law, blasphemy was punishable by death.
42. How does Peter's betrayal contrast to that of Judas?

43. Under \_\_\_\_\_, only the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ had the right to inflict the death penalty for \_\_\_\_\_ of a nonreligious nature. While Pilate would have scoffed at the \_\_\_\_\_ charge of \_\_\_\_\_, accusing Jesus of trying to usurp the emperor was \_\_\_\_\_ and a capital offense.
44. True or False? The Jewish historian Josephus portrays Pontius Pilate as humble and kind.
45. True or False? All the Gospels portray Pilate as cynical—he knows Jesus is innocent, yet he fails to follow his conscience.
46. Pilate schemes to escape his \_\_\_\_\_ by involving a \_\_\_\_\_ of freeing a prisoner of the citizen's choosing. He thinks the \_\_\_\_\_ might call for Jesus to be released, but they choose \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for inciting \_\_\_\_\_, instead.
47. Jesus accepts Pilate's \_\_\_\_\_ that he is King of the Jews. Pilate caves into the \_\_\_\_\_ and pronounces Jesus guilty of \_\_\_\_\_, has him scourged, and hands him over for \_\_\_\_\_. Pilate's soldiers mock Jesus, calling him "\_\_\_\_\_."
48. What was the usual cause of death for a person who is crucified?
49. True or False? Jesus is crucified with between two bandits, and all the Gospels agree that one of the men asks Jesus to remember him when he enters his Kingdom.
50. What is the significance of Jesus' last words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
51. What does the split of the veil in the Temple's sanctuary symbolize?
52. What are the many titles of Mary listed by the author?
53. Mathew shows how Jesus' Death launches a \_\_\_\_\_ in history, a stage that will result in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead. His Gospel reports how the \_\_\_\_\_ and his men greatly \_\_\_\_\_ the events they are witnessing and immediately understand their \_\_\_\_\_.
54. True or False? Everyone abandons Jesus at his crucifixion.
55. Pilate releases the body of Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_, a wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin who did \_\_\_\_\_ of the council's condemnation of Jesus. He hurriedly wraps \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday afternoon and places it in a \_\_\_\_\_ in the rock.
56. What is important about the fact that Pilate refuses the request of the Pharisees to post a guard at the tomb?
57. Jesus' showed us the way he wants us to walk in his \_\_\_\_\_. We do this by trying to \_\_\_\_\_ what God wants us to do and then \_\_\_\_\_ the path he has in store for us, including \_\_\_\_\_ any sufferings and \_\_\_\_\_ that come our way.
58. Who is our model?