

1. THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What was the role of John the Baptist?*
2. *What was Jesus demonstrating by his willingness to be baptised?*
3. *What signs were shown by God at the baptism of Jesus?*
4. *How is the Bible the answer to temptation?*
5. *Is sin from within or from a supernatural devil? Use Bible passages to support your answer.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the baptism of Jesus, commencing with the work of John the Baptist before Jesus appeared before him requesting baptism.*
2. (a) *Describe the three temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness, including his answers.*
(b) *How do we overcome temptation?*

2. JESUS MEETS NICODEMUS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why was Jesus angry when he came into the Temple at the time of Passover?*
2. *Briefly explain "born of water and of the spirit".*
3. *Why is repentance before baptism so important?*
4. *Why did Jesus refer to the serpent lifted up in the wilderness in his conversation with Nicodemus?*
5. *Briefly explain why baptism is so important.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Jesus told Nicodemus that a birth of water and spirit is necessary if we wish to enter God's kingdom. Write an essay explaining the importance of birth of water and of the spirit including the following things:*
 - (a) *the change that must take place in our hearts and minds before baptism*
 - (b) *that baptism is essential*
 - (c) *that good works alone are not sufficient for salvation*
 - (d) *what is the birth of the spirit*
2. *Write an essay on the conversation that took place when Nicodemus visited Jesus at night.*

3. THE SAMARITANS BELIEVE IN JESUS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Who were the Samaritans and what did they believe?*
2. *Jesus spoke to the woman of Samaria about "living water" - what did he mean by this? How important is it for us to drink this living water?*
3. *What did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman about true worship?*
4. *Explain what it means for us to worship God "in sincerity and truth" (John 4:23-24)*
5. *How did Jesus convince the woman of Samaria that he was a prophet?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the conversation that Jesus had with the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well and the result.*
2. (a) *What did Jesus say about the dispute that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans about the question of true worship?*
(b) *What does God expect from us if we wish to worship him correctly?*

4. REJECTED BY HIS HOME TOWN - NAZARETH

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why did the people of Nazareth become angry when they listened to the words of Jesus in the synagogue?*
2. *Why did Jesus not finish Isaiah 61:2 when he read at Nazareth?*
3. *What examples did Jesus use to compare the attitude of the Jews of Nazareth with, and why?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe what happened in the synagogue in Nazareth when Jesus entered it on the sabbath day.*
2. *Explain some of the main points of Jesus' message and how Isaiah's words related to his work.*

5 THE CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe Andrew and Peter's first meeting with Jesus.*
2. *Describe what happened when Jesus asked the disciples to row out and cast their nets once again.*
3. *How was Matthew called to be a disciple?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe how John the Baptist's role came to an end and how he directed his followers to turn their attention to Jesus.*
2. *Describe some of the lessons we can learn from the call of the disciples of Jesus, and how these are relevant to us today as we seek to follow Christ.*

6. THE TEACHING OF JESUS – THE PORTRAIT OF A SAINT

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Show how the character revealed by Jesus in the Beatitudes is that of the complete man of God.*
2. *Show from the Beatitudes how the poor are blessed and the mourners are happy.*
3. *Discuss how Christadelphian young people can be meek and pure in heart whilst at school.*
4. *What did Jesus mean by “the kingdom of heaven”?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Briefly describe the character of the saint as outlined in the Beatitudes.*

7. THE TEACHING OF JESUS -THE LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What does Jesus say about self-control in the Sermon on the Mount?*
2. *“Where your treasure is ...”. Finish this sentence and discuss Jesus’ teaching concerning it.*
3. *From the Sermon on the Mount show how Jesus promises us that God will care for His children.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *What does Jesus have to say about submission and love when dealing with opponents in his Sermon on the Mount?*
2. *Show how Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount encouraged his disciples to place their confidence and desire for security in a loving heavenly Father.*

8. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO PRAY

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Contrast the way in which the Jewish leaders used to pray to that of the true follower of Christ.*
2. *What lessons do we learn from the example of the Lord Jesus Christ engaged in prayer?*
3. *Why should we pray “thy kingdom come” in our prayers?*
4. *What does the parable of the Friend at Midnight teach us about prayer?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Show how the “Lord’s Prayer” is a model prayer for us.*
2. *Explain the parable of the friend who would not at first give the bread requested at midnight, and its application to prayer.*

9. HEALING AT CAPERNAUM

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *How did Christ obtain the strength which enabled him to speak with authority and to work miracles?*
2. *What was the change in Jesus' activities the day after healing so many people at Peter's house in Capernaum?*
3. *From the healing of the man lowered down through the housetop, show how Christ had authority to forgive sins.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of the healing of the demoniac man in the synagogue at Capernaum.*
2. *Briefly describe the healing of the palsied man who was lowered through the roof and what you personally learn from this story.*

10. JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What was the situation Jesus found when he came to the pool of Bethesda?*
2. *How was the man at the pool of Bethesda like the Nation of Israel?*
3. *What did the man at the pool of Bethesda need to do in order to be made whole?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of the miracle at the Pool of Bethesda.*
2. *What does the example of the man at the Pool of Bethesda teach us about our needs, and how to respond to the call of Jesus?*
3. *Why did Jesus heal the man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath and what does it teach us?*

11. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What is a parable, and why did Jesus speak in parables?*
2. *Describe the four types of soil in the parable of the sower and their reaction to the seed that fell upon it.*
3. *Describe the parable of the mustard seed and its hidden meaning?*
4. *Describe the parable of the leaven and its hidden meaning?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the parable of the sower and show the lessons that Jesus taught in it.*
2. *How do the cares of this world affect our growth in the knowledge of the truth?*

12. JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What happened when Jesus wanted solitude in a desert place after the death of John the Baptist?*
2. *What are the similarities between the Memorial Supper and the miracle of the feeding of the multitude?*
3. *What effect did Jesus walking on the water have on Peter and the other disciples in the boat?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the feeding of the 5000, and the spiritual significance of the event.*
2. *What happened after Jesus left his disciples to return to Capernaum while he went up into a mountain alone?*
3. *How is Jesus the bread from heaven and what does it teach us about showing the life of Christ?*

13. OPPOSITION GATHERS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What was the sign of the prophet Jonah?*
2. *What was the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?*
3. *What is so important about the statement by Peter that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God”?*

ESSAY QUESTION

1. *Peter declared of Jesus: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”. Describe:-*
 - a) *the circumstances surrounding this confession and*
 - b) *the importance of the statement.*
2. *Describe what Jesus meant when he said:*
 - a) *“he that saveth his life shall lose it” and*
 - b) *“let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me”.*

14. TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why did Peter wish to build three tabernacles at the Transfiguration, and how was he answered?*
2. *How did the Transfiguration strengthen Jesus?*
3. *Why could the disciples not cure the epileptic boy at the time of the Transfiguration?*
4. *What was the purpose of the Transfiguration and what lesson does this contain for us?*

ESSAY QUESTION

1. *Outline the events that took place when Jesus was transfigured.*
2. *Elijah and Moses were with Jesus on the mount of the Transfiguration. How was it demonstrated that Jesus was the greatest of the three?*
3. *Describe the healing of the epileptic child when Jesus came down from the mount of the Transfiguration.*

15. TEACHING FORGIVENESS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What did Jesus mean when he said. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven?"*
2. *Show how you can cut off offensive habits in your daily life to better prepare you for the kingdom.*
3. *What parable did Jesus give to show that we must forgive from the heart? Summarise that parable.*
4. *Why should we learn to forgive each other now?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Explain the parable of the unforgiving servant and what it means to us.*
2. *How did Jesus answer the question: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" What is the lesson for us?*

16. JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *How did Jesus heal the man who was born blind?*
2. *How did the man that was born blind come to believe that the one who had healed him was Jesus the son of God?*
3. *What do you understand by responsibility to God? Who is responsible?*
4. *Why did the parents of the man who had been born blind refuse to comment on the miracle that Jesus had performed for their son? What lesson have you learned from their response?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Contrast the personal qualities and attitudes of the man who was born blind with those of his parents and of the Jewish leaders.*
2. *Tell the story of how Jesus healed the man who had been born blind and say what you have learnt from this lesson.*

17. PARABLES OF THE LOST

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What is the lesson to be learned from the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin?*
2. *What aspects of the shepherd's attitude to the lost sheep really impress you?*
3. *How is the love of God shown in the parable of the Lost Son?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *What are the most important lessons Jesus was teaching in the three parables of the lost?*
2. *Whom do the two brothers represent in the parable of the Prodigal son and what lesson can we learn from the story?*

18. JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

- 1. Why did Jesus wait several days before journeying to Bethany?*
- 2. What did Jesus mean when he said, 'I am the resurrection and the life'?*
- 3. From the story of the raising of Lazarus, what do we learn of the characters of Mary and Martha?*
- 4. What does the Bible teach about the mortality of man?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1. Describe the process by which Jesus led Martha to a full faith in himself as the source of life and salvation.*
- 2. What does the Bible teach us about death and resurrection? Support your answer by referring to Bible quotations, and the story of the raising of Lazarus.*

19. "BEHOLD YOUR KING"

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *How did Jesus fulfil prophecy when he entered Jerusalem in triumph?*
2. *What did the fig tree and the temple have in common?*
3. *The Pharisees attempted to discredit Jesus by asking him: "By what authority doest thou these things". What was Jesus' answer and how did it affect his questioners?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of Zacchaeus and show how Zacchaeus was a good example of how we should seek Jesus.*
2. *Describe the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and explain why he chose to do it the way he did.*

20. ANSWERING HIS OPPONENTS

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *From the answer of Jesus to the question “Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?” make an application to our circumstances today.*
2. *Show how Jesus taught the important teaching of the resurrection in answering the Sadducees question?*
3. *Show how the poor widow was an outstanding example of a person living up to the greatest commandment.*
4. *How did Jesus confirm the Old Testament teaching that God is one when answering the scribe’s question about the greatest commandment?*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *After Jesus had entered Jerusalem, before his crucifixion the Jewish authorities tried to trap him with questions. What were the two problems with which the Pharisees and Sadducees tried to trap Jesus?*

21. THE OLIVET PROPHECY

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the background to Jesus giving the Olivet Prophecy.*
2. *What things would the disciples experience in the days leading up to “the end of the age”? What would be the clear sign that “the end” was about to come?*
3. *Why did the Mosaic Age have to come to an end?*
4. *Tell what you know of the overthrow of Jerusalem and how God allowed those who believed in His son to escape.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *“There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.” The disciples were puzzled by Jesus’ words. What questions did they ask and what did Jesus tell them to expect?*
2. *At the end of the Olivet Prophecy, Jesus gave clear indications of what the world would be like just before his return. How can we tell from the state of our society that we can expect him to come soon? What can we do to be prepared?*

22. THE JUDGMENT PARABLES

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What were the differences between the “wise” and “foolish” virgins?*
2. *Explain the different attitudes shown by each of the servants in the parable of the Talents. Show how our attitude will affect our future when the Lord Jesus Christ returns.*
3. *Explain why the “sheep” class are approved at the judgment seat of Christ.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the parable of the Ten Virgins and explain what lessons we are to draw from it.*
2. *In Matthew 25 Jesus told three parables:
 The ten virgins
 The talents
 The sheep and the goats
From these three parables explain how we should use every opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.*

23. THE LAST SUPPER AND BETRAYAL

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Judas and Mary had both been close friends of Jesus. How is the love of Mary and the enmity of Judas seen in the house at Bethany?*
2. *Describe how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. What important lesson was he teaching them?*
3. *Explain why Jesus asked his disciples to remember him by sharing bread and wine.*
4. *Why did Jesus pray so fervently in the Garden of Gethsemane? How did God answer him?*
5. *Discuss the principle of loving our enemies as Jesus showed it in the last hours of his life.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe how Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples just before he died. By referring to 1 Corinthians 11, show how solemn the "breaking of bread" is for believers even today.*
2. *Where did Jesus get the strength to overcome sin? What can we learn from his behaviour in the Garden of Gethsemane that will help us when we are under trial?*

24. TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Show how the Jewish trial of Jesus was unlawful.*
2. *What does it mean to suffer with Christ?*
3. *Describe Jesus' trial before Pilate.*
4. *Describe the reactions of the centurion, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathaea to the events surrounding Christ's death.*

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Trace the desperate efforts of the Jews to secure the death sentence of Jesus.*
2. *Show how Christ's trial, death, and burial fulfilled Messianic prophecies.*

25. RESURRECTION

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the activity of the angels at the resurrection of Christ to:-*
 - a. *the soldiers,*
 - b. *the women.*
2. *Describe what happened on the way to Emmaus.*
3. *Describe the conversion of Thomas.*
4. *How important is belief in the resurrection of Christ?*