



Year 8

**Religious
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Practice Questions

1. The word 'Emmanuel' means
 - A. journey in hope.
 - B. Mother of God.
 - C. God with us.
 - D. Jesus.
2. What did Jesus do at the Wedding Feast at Cana?
 - A. He raised Lazarus from the dead.
 - B. He changed the wine into water.
 - C. He changed the water into wine.
 - D. He healed the crippled man.
3. Which box has the correct words needed to complete the 'Sign of the Cross' prayer below?

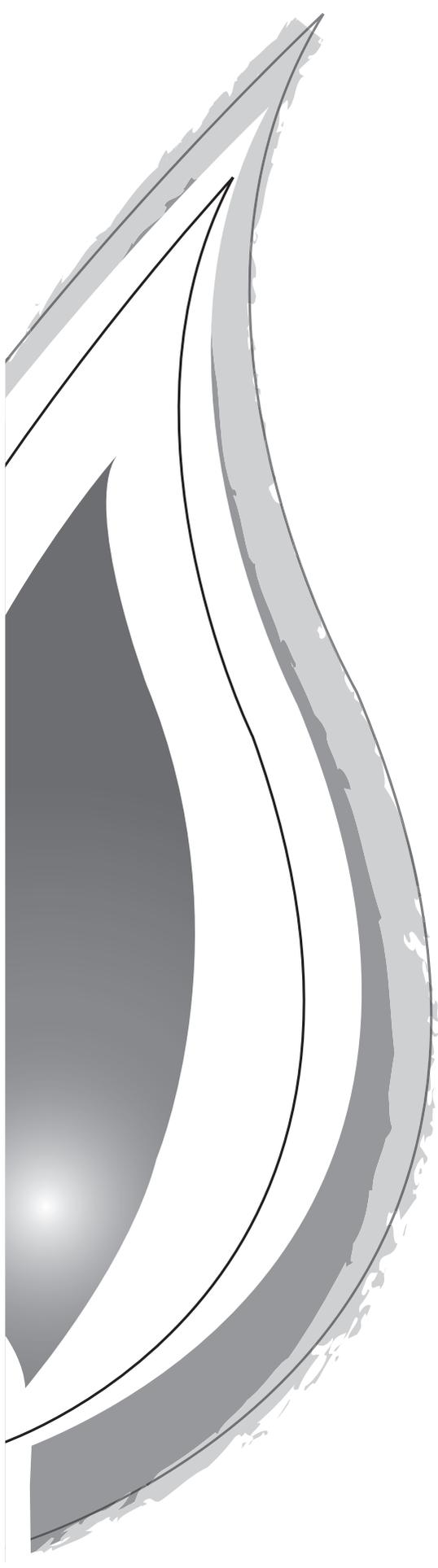
A. 1 Lord
2 Saviour
3 Holy Spirit

B. 1 Father
2 Son
3 Holy Spirit

C. 1 Father
2 Son
3 Holy Word

D. 1 Creator
2 Redeemer
3 Holy Lord

In the name of the 1
and of the 2
and of the 3
Amen



There are 50 multiple choice questions.

Read each question carefully and choose the answer from the four options, A. B. C. D.

Shade the letter of the option you have chosen on the answer sheet, not the test paper.

Mark only one answer for each question.

Use a 2B or B pencil only.

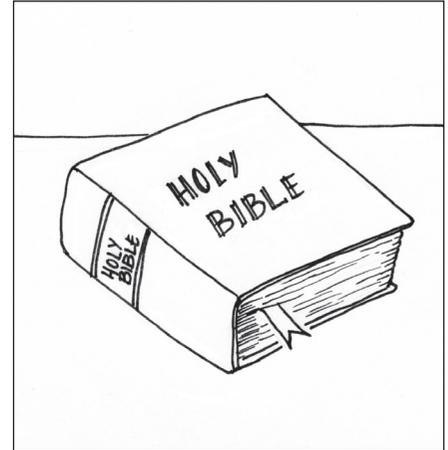
Rub out mistakes completely.

Make sure you have filled in your name, school and other information on the answer sheet.



1. The Bible was written by

- A. Jesus and his disciples.
 - B. Moses and the Israelites.
 - C. the early popes and cardinals.
 - D. different authors inspired by God.
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2. The covenant made between God and Abraham can be best described as a

- A. written agreement which cannot be broken.
- B. verbal agreement which demonstrates goodwill.
- C. temporary arrangement between two or more people.
- D. solemn promise to which both sides are totally committed.



Use the following Scripture passage to answer the questions below.

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.



¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*



²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:14-21

3. Jesus went to the synagogue because it was a place for
- A. Jews to worship.
 - B. sinners to be forgiven.
 - C. people of all faiths to gather.
 - D. people with diseases to be cured.

4. In verse 18 Jesus demonstrates his understanding of
- A. Christianity.
 - B. Luke’s Gospel.
 - C. his Father in heaven.
 - D. his own mission on Earth.

5. Match the people on the left with their roles on the right and choose the correct option below

| ROLE | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|--|
| 1. Bishop | i an ordained man with responsibilities within a parish |
| 2. Pope | ii a person who belongs to a group that elects a Pope |
| 3. Priest | iii the spiritual leader and head of the Catholic Church |
| 4. Cardinal | iv the pastoral leader and head of a diocese |

- A. 1 with iv
2 with i
3 with iii
4 with ii
- B. 1 with iv
2 with iii
3 with i
4 with ii
- C. 1 with iii
2 with iv
3 with ii
4 with i
- D. 1 with i
2 with ii
3 with iii
4 with iv

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6. The first Christians received great strength and courage to proclaim God's word through the power of the

- A. martyrs.
B. apostles.
C. Holy Spirit.
D. Roman Empire.

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7. The Nicene Creed begins with

- A. I believe in God the creator and king, maker and ruler of all living and non-living things, made in his image and likeness.
B. We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
C. We believe in Jesus Christ our Lord and ruler who made all aspects of creation through the workings of his Father.
D. I believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who, as three people, created all that is seen and unseen.

8. The Eastern Catholic Churches are in communion with the

- A. Church of Christ
 - B. Roman Catholic Church
 - C. Eastern Orthodox Churches
 - D. Anglican Church.
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1 Thy Kingdom
come, Thy will
be done, on
earth as it is
in heaven.

2 And lead us
not into
temptation,
but deliver
us from evil.

3 Give us this day
our daily bread,
and forgive us our
trespasses, as we
forgive those who
trespass against us.

4 Our Father who
art in heaven,
hallowed be
thy name.

9. Which of the following patterns places the above sections of the Lord's Prayer into the correct order?

- A. 4, 1, 3, 2
 - B. 3, 2, 4, 1
 - C. 4, 3, 2, 1
 - D. 3, 4, 1, 2
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10. Green is the colour used for *Ordinary Time*.
This colour represents

- A. purity and rebirth.
- B. nature and growth.
- C. blood and sacrifice.
- D. penance and sorrow.

11. A ritual is a gathering of a community

- A. with a focus on creativity and artistic expression.
 - B. for an organised pattern of symbolic actions and words.
 - C. and contains activities which explain the purpose of the Mass.
 - D. where individuals prepare for the celebration of the Eucharist.
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12. Sally cheated in her Religion test.

Jenny saw her cheating and updated her status on 'Facebook' saying, "No wonder Sally thought the Religion test was easy... not all of us can cheat and get away with it!"

Determine the most correct form of action that Sally should follow as a Christian in this situation.

- A. Send Jenny an angry SMS/text message about the comments she made.
 - B. Do nothing and hope that none of her friends see Jenny's comments.
 - C. 'Get her back' by updating her own status on 'Facebook'.
 - D. Admit to the teacher that she cheated.
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13. In Scripture, Jesus' miracles demonstrate that

- A. he was able to call on magical powers.
- B. if you believe in God you can work miracles.
- C. the writers of Scripture had good imaginations.
- D. the power of God was at work in and through him.

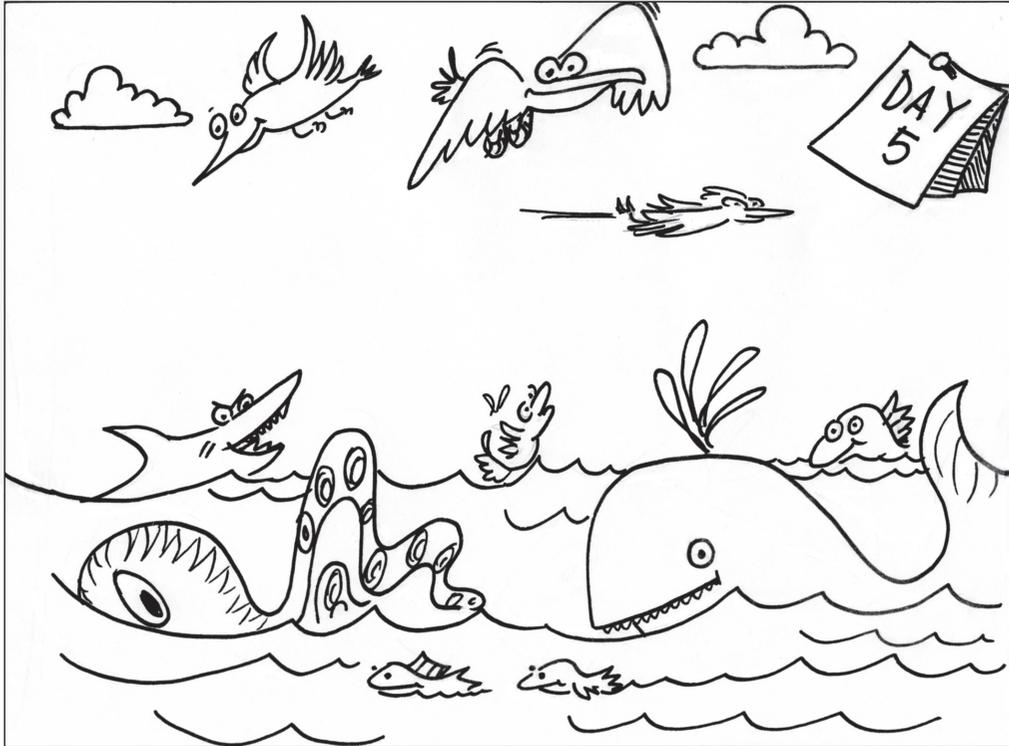


“Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?”

(Mark 4:40-41)

14. Which picture from the sequence below shows Jesus and the disciples speaking these words?





15. And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

This type of story is known as

- A. a foundation myth.
- B. a complex narrative.
- C. a parable.
- D. an epic.

16. The purpose of the story shown above is to

- A. confuse non-believers.
- B. entertain those who read the Bible.
- C. explain in a profound way how things came to be.
- D. give advice on how to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

GLOSSARY WORD: *profound* = deep understanding

17. Which books of the Old Testament belong to the group known as 'Wisdom and Poetry'?

- A. Isaiah, Psalms, Genesis and Job
 - B. Exodus, Joshua, Genesis and Job
 - C. Job, Psalms, Numbers and Proverbs
 - D. Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Song of Songs
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18. The Sadducees were a

- A. religious group who lived in isolation.
 - B. group of women who sang at the synagogue.
 - C. religious group drawn from the priestly families.
 - D. group of men who followed Jesus in his ministry.
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19. The Leadership Group, Social Justice Group, School Band/Choir and Representative Sporting Teams are ALL ways in which people can be part of a

- A. school community.
 - B. parish church community.
 - C. Police Citizens Youth Club.
 - D. YMCA.
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20. Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven. This is celebrated as the Feast of the

- A. Visitation.
 - B. Ascension.
 - C. Assumption.
 - D. Annunciation.
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21. Which book of the Old Testament contains the Creation Stories?

- A. Genesis
- B. Joshua
- C. Judges
- D. Numbers

22. An example of an Eastern Catholic Church is the

- A. Roman Catholic Church.
- B. Greek Orthodox Church.
- C. Russian Orthodox Church.
- D. Maronite Catholic Church.

23. The prayers which are said during the Rosary are the

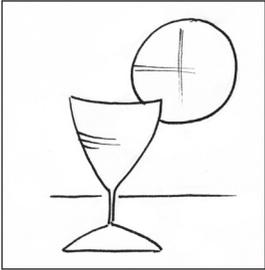
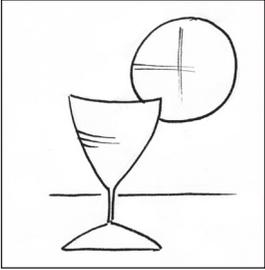
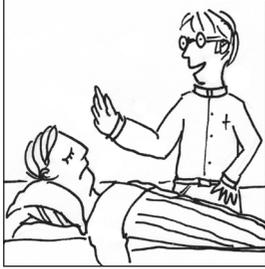
- A. Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed.
- B. Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, Hail Holy Queen, Nicene Creed.
- C. Hail Mary, Memorare, Hail Holy Queen, Nicene Creed.
- D. Hail Mary, Angelus, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed.



24. The Easter Triduum

- A. is three separate liturgical actions.
- B. is one liturgical action with three parts.
- C. marks the beginning of three days of fasting before Easter.
- D. marks the three days of celebration after the Resurrection.

25. The Sacraments of Initiation are

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| A. | Eucharist, | Marriage, | Holy Orders. |
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| B. | Baptism, | Confirmation, | Eucharist. |
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| C. | Baptism, | Marriage, | Anointing of the Sick. |
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| D. | Confirmation, | Reconciliation, | Anointing of the Sick. |
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26. The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the pure in heart and the peacemakers are all examples of people that Jesus called *blessed* in the

- A. Greatest Commandment.
- B. Ten Commandments.
- C. Beatitudes.
- D. Creed.

27. In the story of the 'Healing of the Blind Man' (Mark 8:22-26), Jesus shows through his actions that he was

- A. a very good story-teller.
- B. a well travelled teacher.
- C. able to challenge people.
- D. dedicated to the service of others.



28. Look at the following Scripture passage and cartoon strip to answer the questions below

The Lost Sheep

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.
¹⁴So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost

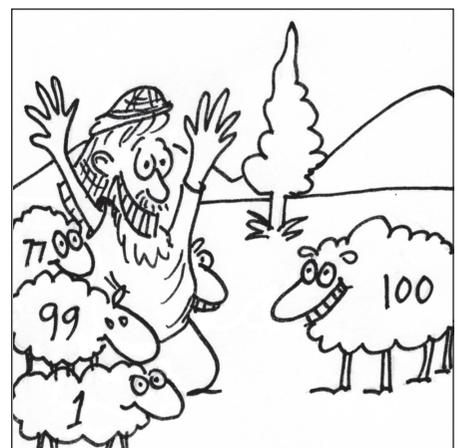
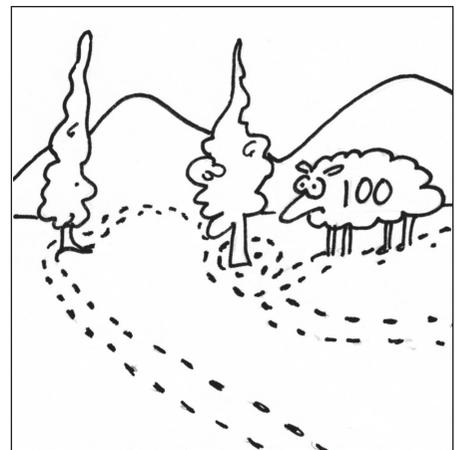
Matthew 18:12-14

The story of The Lost Sheep retold in the Bible is an example of a

- A. narrative.
- B. proverb.
- C. parable.
- D. myth.

29. The story of The Lost Sheep is from Matthew's Gospel. The Scripture reference is 18:12-14. These numbers refer to

- A. book 18, paragraphs 12 to 14.
- B. paragraph 18, verses 12 to 14.
- C. verse 18, chapters 12 to 14.
- D. chapter 18, verses 12 to 14.



30. "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5).
This Scripture quote emphasises the importance of
- A. belonging to a community.
 - B. only welcoming children at Mass.
 - C. children attending Mass regularly.
 - D. receiving the Sacrament of Penance.
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31. The first great Christian missionary who preached the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection to both Jews and Gentiles was
- A. Paul.
 - B. Judas.
 - C. Thomas.
 - D. Andrew.

GLOSSARY WORD: *missionary* = a person sent to teach religious faith

32. What word is used by Christians to describe the responsibility of people to care for all God's creation?
- A. recycling
 - B. ownership
 - C. stewardship
 - D. sustainability
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33. The various Catholic rites evolved from the ancient cities of Rome, Antioch, Alexandria, Constantinople and Jerusalem, as these were places where
- A. the early church communities were established.
 - B. all people spoke the approved language of the Church.
 - C. local laws allowed Christianity to be practised.
 - D. the major trade centres of the world existed.

34. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). This Scripture quote refers to the importance of worshipping

- A. after absolution.
- B. in a community.
- C. on your own.
- D. in silence.

GLOSSARY WORD: *absolution* = an action of God's forgiveness

35. During the Mass the priest says, "Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink."

The congregation responds to this statement with

- A. Amen.
 - B. Thanks be to God.
 - C. Blessed be God for ever.
 - D. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.
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36. A sacrament is a

- A. sacrifice made by Catholic worshippers.
- B. feast day in the Catholic Church.
- C. form of Catholic meditation.
- D. visible sign of God's grace.

Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below.

The Parable of the Lost Son



One day, the younger son asked his father to give him a lot of the family's money so that he could leave home and go far away.

The father gave him the money.

So the younger son packed his things and went away.



He spent his money on wild parties and having a good time. Soon he had spent all the money the father had given him and he had nothing left. Now he was hungry and poor.

He got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry he could have eaten the pigs' food.



He thought for a long time and made up his mind to go back to his father. He was going to ask his father to take him back, not as a son but as a servant.

He started the long journey home.



One day his father saw him in the distance and ran to meet him. He hugged and kissed him.

The boy was trying to say sorry, but the father quickly called his servants to get a party ready. All the father wanted to do was celebrate and welcome his son home.



The older son heard the celebrations and asked one of the servants to tell him why his father was having a party.

When the servant told him that his father was having the party for his brother, to welcome him safely home, he became very angry and refused to go into the party.



The father came out to speak to the older brother.

The older brother was angry because he had stayed at home to work in the family fields and had never wasted any of the family's money. He told his father that he had never had a party like this given for him.

Luke 15:11-32

37. *"My son", the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."*

In the *Parable of The Lost Son*, the father of the two sons demonstrates the virtues of faith, hope and love. A virtue is

- A. one of the seven sacraments.
- B. an object used for veneration.
- C. an inner readiness to do good.
- D. one of the Ten Commandments.

38. Read the following Scripture passage to answer the questions below

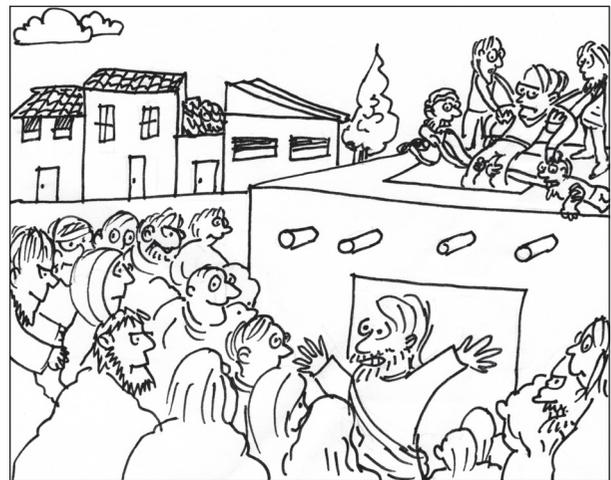
When he returned to Capernaum, after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

"But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on Earth to forgive sins" – he said to the paralytic – "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them...

Mark 2: 1-5; 10-12

In this Scripture passage Jesus is

- A. worried about the large crowd.
- B. upset at the men who put a hole in the roof.
- C. able to cure the paralysed man physically and spiritually.
- D. concerned only about the forgiveness of the people in the crowd.



39. The men who carried the paralytic man impressed Jesus because of their

- A. strength.
- B. courage.
- C. faith.
- D. love.

40. The decision made by the Council of Jerusalem was that

- A. you had to be Jewish to become a follower of Jesus.
- B. Christianity was just another part of the Jewish faith.
- C. Gentiles were unclean so could not become Christian.
- D. Jews and Gentiles were equally welcome to come into the Church.

41. The Nicene Creed is an expression of Catholic

- A. morals.
 - B. values.
 - C. faith.
 - D. love.
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42. A wall of special artworks commonly found in Eastern Catholic churches is called

- A. a Solea.
 - B. the Nave.
 - C. an Iconostasis.
 - D. the Sanctuary.
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43. The Liturgical Year of the Catholic Church begins at

- A. Christmas.
 - B. Advent.
 - C. Easter.
 - D. Lent.
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44. When making a moral choice, a person is encouraged to follow a series of steps. In the decision-making process the person should

- A. consider the consequences, take the popular option, pray.
- B. consider the consequences, seek advice from others, pray.
- C. follow their first instinct, seek advice from others, pray.
- D. follow their first instinct, take the popular option, pray.

45. After his conversion, Saul of Tarsus was best known for

- A. spreading Christianity to the Gentiles.
- B. establishing the Council of Jerusalem.
- C. making tents for the first Christians.
- D. being an important tax collector.

GLOSSARY WORD: *conversion* = a turning towards God



46. Before his conversion, Saul was a strong critic and persecutor of Christians. Upon his conversion his name was changed to

- A. Paul.
- B. Peter.
- C. Phillip.
- D. Patrick.

47. Civil and Church leaders have been debating how to reduce the effects of climate change. This can best be described as people

- A. developing laws to become more popular.
- B. expressing a desire to care for God's creation.
- C. interfering with the natural life cycles of nature.
- D. supporting financially the natural energy companies.

48. The three main beliefs which the Western and Eastern Catholic Churches share are

- A. their history, the Mass and the head of the Church.
- B. their history, the great love of Tradition and the Sacraments.
- C. the profession of faith, the Sacraments and the role of the head of the Church.
- D. the profession of faith, the role of icons and the importance of the Fathers of the Church.

49. Read the following Scripture passage to answer the question below

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," he replied, "speak".

"A certain creditor has two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt."

And Jesus said to him "You have judged rightly." **Luke 7:41-43**



Jesus told this story to illustrate the way we should live as Christians. What aspect of Christian living does it illustrate?

- A. compassion for sinners
- B. mercy and forgiveness
- C. personal freedom
- D. justice

GLOSSARY WORDS:

debt = an amount owing to someone

denarii = roman coins

50. Emperor Constantine issued an edict which granted everyone in the Roman Empire religious freedom. This edict was called the Edict of

- A. Milan.
- B. Rome.
- C. Athens.
- D. Jerusalem.

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