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## Unit 5 Reading Guide

# God Revealed through Jesus and the Church

## Chapter 15: The Gospels

### Article 65: Sharing the Story

1. Reflecting on the events they had experienced and guided by the \_\_\_\_\_, the human authors of the Bible wrote about the truth revealed to them about how \_\_\_\_\_ was acting in their history.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ are the climax of the whole Bible.
3. The word *gospel* is translated from a Greek word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s fullest revelation to humanity.
5. Scholars have identified three stages in this process of forming the Gospels: (1) the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and (3) the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Article 66: The Synoptic Gospels: Similar but Different

1. Each of the four Gospels—\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_—emphasizes certain aspects of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that their communities needed to hear.
2. The Gospels offer accounts of Jesus’ life, but they are not exactly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Gospel authors, called \_\_\_\_\_, were more concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of certain events in Jesus’ life than in perfectly describing his life’s every detail.
4. The Gospels are a unique literary form that could be considered \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ biographies that are based on the words and deeds of Jesus Christ.
5. Today there is a clear separation between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but that was not the case before and immediately after Jesus’ life on Earth.
6. Because three of the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—are very similar in their style and content, they are called \_\_\_\_\_ Gospels (from the Greek word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_”).



## Article 67: Major Events in the Synoptic Gospels

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ include accounts of Jesus' birth and childhood, called \_\_\_\_\_, that express important truths about who he is.
2. Because \_\_\_\_\_'s audience is Jewish, he begins his Gospel with Jesus' genealogy, which emphasizes his \_\_\_\_\_ and points to his coming into the world as the climax of \_\_\_\_\_'s history.
3. The author of Luke is writing to a mostly \_\_\_\_\_ audience in \_\_\_\_\_ from a wide variety of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people to emphasize Christ's compassion and justice.
4. Matthew and Luke include some of Jesus' most profound and significant teachings, in particular the \_\_\_\_\_, which describe the actions and attitudes by which one can discover genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
5. At the very center of our faith are the Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ, which are called the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Saint Paul writes, "If Christ has not been \_\_\_\_\_, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

## Article 68: Jesus: Storyteller and Miracle Worker

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are short stories that use everyday images to communicate religious messages.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is the goal of God's plan of salvation, when God rules over the hearts of people and a new social order, based on \_\_\_\_\_, is established.
3. To really understand Jesus' parables, it is helpful to know that they often end with an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ meant to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's original audience.
4. Jesus' miracles can be categorized into four types: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 69: From a Beloved Friend: The Gospel of John

1. Several things set the Gospel of John apart from the synoptic Gospels: (1) it uses \_\_\_\_\_ language, (2) it contains no \_\_\_\_\_ and far fewer \_\_\_\_\_ stories, and (3) it highlights the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The first three words of John's Gospel are "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_," which are the same first three words as in the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the introduction of John's Gospel, called the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus is addressed with the title the \_\_\_\_\_.



4. John's Gospel provides a more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ portrayal of Jesus than any of the synoptic Gospels, making it clear that knowing Jesus Christ is knowing \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Gospel of John is divided into two parts. The first part contains seven miracles or \_\_\_\_\_ that point to Jesus' divine nature. The second main section of John's Gospel is called the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment, : \_\_\_\_\_, which is the defining characteristic of a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 70: Jesus: God in the Flesh

1. The Gospels help us understand that Jesus is God's Word Made \_\_\_\_\_. Saint Paul says that Jesus Christ "is the image of the \_\_\_\_\_ God" (Colossians 1:15).
2. Jesus Christ is one Divine Person with two \_\_\_\_\_. He is truly \_\_\_\_\_ and truly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Incarnation comes from a Latin word meaning " \_\_\_\_\_," and it refers to the mystery of Jesus Christ becoming \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 16: The Acts of the Apostles and the Letters

### Article 71: Acts of the Apostles: Passing the Baton

1. Before his \_\_\_\_\_ into Heaven, Jesus passed his saving mission to the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Acts of the Apostles is addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ and is part two of \_\_\_\_\_'s account.
3. After the Apostles choose a successor for \_\_\_\_\_, they observe the feast of \_\_\_\_\_. At this celebration, the \_\_\_\_\_ is sent to guide the Church.
4. " \_\_\_\_\_" is one of the earliest names for the Christian community.
5. A Pharisee named \_\_\_\_\_ is present when the Church's first martyr, \_\_\_\_\_, is stoned to death.
6. On his way to arrest some Jewish Christians in \_\_\_\_\_, Saul has a vision of \_\_\_\_\_ saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you \_\_\_\_\_ me?" Afterward, Saul is \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian.
7. Most of the second half of the Book of Acts covers the travels of \_\_\_\_\_ and his companions in the lands around the \_\_\_\_\_ as they spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 72: Paul's Letters: Time Machine and Guidebook

1. To help the early Christian communities, Saint Paul wrote many letters, or \_\_\_\_\_, to these communities and their leaders, offering \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Paul was the perfect person to preach the Gospel to people who were from a variety of backgrounds. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_, which made him a \_\_\_\_\_ citizen. He was fluent in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He had studied with a respected \_\_\_\_\_ and become a zealous Pharisee.
3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Pauline letters in the New Testament, written by Saint Paul or by disciples who wrote in his name.
4. Nine of the letters are addressed to \_\_\_\_\_. There are four \_\_\_\_\_ letters addressed to leaders, or pastors, of a community.

## Article 73: Letters to Everyone: The Non-Pauline Letters

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ non-Pauline letters in the New Testament. The first is the Letter to the \_\_\_\_\_, whose author is unknown and whose title comes from the audience it addresses.
2. The rest of the letters are called Catholic letters, which does not specifically refer to the Catholic Church. The word *catholic* comes from a Greek word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_.” These letters were not written to specific communities or individuals, but rather to all of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews explains how Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the fulfillment of Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
4. James's letter is a strong admonishment that \_\_\_\_\_ alone is not enough and that we need to live out our faith by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Peter addresses the Christian communities who are suffering from \_\_\_\_\_, encouraging them to persevere in their faith.
6. John centers his message on the key teaching of Christ: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 74: The Book of Revelation: A Message of Hope

1. In the late first century, many Church communities were persecuted by the \_\_\_\_\_, particularly the seven churches of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. John's use of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ imagery was a sort of \_\_\_\_\_ that only Christians would understand.
3. The Revelation to John might be one of the most misunderstood books in the Bible, as some people wrongly use it to try to predict the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.



4. The Book of Revelation is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ literature, a literary form that uses dramatic and symbolic language to offer \_\_\_\_\_ to a people in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the first century, Roman \_\_\_\_\_ were believed to be divine, and Christians were sometimes forced to \_\_\_\_\_ them. Refusal to \_\_\_\_\_ at a Roman altar could mean death. Many Christians chose to give up their lives rather than \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Book of Revelation sends a message to these persecuted Christians: have courage and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, even in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 75: Passing It On

1. The process of passing on the Gospel message is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the uninterrupted transmittal of apostolic preaching and authority from the Apostles directly to their successors, the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The two means of transmitting the faith, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, both flow from a single source: the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The responsibility of passing on and interpreting the Deposit of Faith belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the Church's living \_\_\_\_\_ office, which consists of all \_\_\_\_\_, in communion with the Pope.
5. The Magisterium is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ and defining \_\_\_\_\_, the central teachings of the Church that are considered \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 17: Scripture in the Life of the Church

### Article 76: Sacred Scripture: Food for the Soul

1. In his letter to Timothy, Saint Paul writes, "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for \_\_\_\_\_, for refutation, for \_\_\_\_\_, and for training in \_\_\_\_\_, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (3:16–17).
2. Saint Jerome taught that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of \_\_\_\_\_" <sup>1</sup> (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, number 133).
3. Knowing, praying with, and understanding Scripture is a \_\_\_\_\_ for every Christian.



## Article 77: The Prayer of the Church: Getting into the Rhythm

1. The word \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, meaning “\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_,” and it refers to the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.
2. The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the \_\_\_\_\_, is the official public, daily prayer of the Catholic Church.
3. The Liturgy of the Hours is arranged into \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ cycles. The daily practice is centered on two primary “hours” each day: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Additional prayers bring the total to \_\_\_\_\_ prayer times each day. The prayers for the Liturgy of the Hours are found in a book called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When we gather to celebrate Mass, we experience the presence of Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who gather to celebrate the Mass, who are also called the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. We experience Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_ who presides over the liturgy. We experience Christ in the Liturgy of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 78: The Lord’s Prayer: An Essential Conversation

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is lifting up of one’s mind and heart to God.
2. The Lord’s Prayer is the most \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith.
3. The Lord’s Prayer is made up of seven \_\_\_\_\_, or requests, for grace or blessings from God.
4. It has an essential role in the Sacraments of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer held in common with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 79: The Right Thing to Do: Morality in the Bible

1. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to what is good and what is bad, what is right and what is wrong, in terms of the choices we make.
2. There are some proven biblical guidelines for our moral life that we should all be familiar with: the Ten \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the Sermon on the \_\_\_\_\_, and the Great \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Mary, the Mother of God, offers us an unparalleled role model and an example of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
4. If there is any one moral law that Jesus placed above any other, it would be the Law of \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 80: *Lectio Divina*: Listening to the Word

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ is absolutely necessary if we want to deepen our spiritual life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, a Latin term meaning “\_\_\_\_\_,” is a form of meditative prayer that focuses on a Scripture passage.
3. This prayer moves through four stages: \_\_\_\_\_ (reading), \_\_\_\_\_ (meditation), \_\_\_\_\_ (prayer), and \_\_\_\_\_ (contemplation).

## Article 81: Common Catholic Devotions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ prayers are personalized prayers that have developed outside the liturgy of the Church but lead us to it. Two of the most well-known and commonly practiced devotions are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Early Christians would sometimes make pilgrimages to Jerusalem, where they walked the \_\_\_\_\_—the path Jesus walked in the last hours of his life. This practice developed into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Rosary is a devotional prayer that honors the \_\_\_\_\_ and helps us meditate on Christ's life and mission. In this devotion, we meditate on events from Christ's life that are grouped into categories called “\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. These four categories are the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. *Dei Verbum* 25, cf. *Phil* 3:8 and St. Jerome, *Commentariorum in Isaiam libri xviii* prol.: J. P. Migne, ed., Patrologia Latina (Paris, 1841–1855) 24, 17b.

