

Four Portraits of Jesus Answer Key

Gospel of Matthew Portrait of Jesus Teacher and Prophet, Like Moses Matthew 4: 23–5:11, Matthew 13:44–48, Matthew 25: 31–47	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus teaches and heals • The Beatitudes • Parables about the Kingdom: Treasure in a Field, Pearl of Great Price, a Net Full of Fish • The Last Judgment (Parable of the Sheep and the Goats)
1. In what ways is Jesus portrayed as a teacher and prophet like Moses in these passages?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus teaches through his words (including through parables) and actions. • Like Moses delivering the Law from Mount Sinai, Jesus delivers the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, focusing on the Law of Love.
2. What is the central message of his teaching?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To love and serve one another.
3. What do these passages teach us about the Kingdom of God?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is worth giving our lives for. • It will bring us joy. • It is available to all people.
Gospel of Mark Portrait of Jesus The Suffering Servant of God Mark 8:27–37, Mark 9:30–32, Mark 11:12–14	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus predicts his Passion and death. • He teaches the disciples that the Messiah must suffer and die. • He shows human needs and emotions such as like hunger and frustration.
1. In what ways do these passages highlight Jesus' humanity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They show that Jesus experienced human needs and emotions, such as hunger and frustration. • They indicate that he truly suffered and died on the cross.
2. How does Mark emphasize Jesus as the Suffering Servant of God?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus speaks openly about his coming suffering and death, even though this makes his disciples upset and uncomfortable.
Gospel of Luke Portrait of Jesus Compassionate Healer Luke 4:14–22a, Luke 10:25–37, Luke 16:19–31	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus uses a passage from the prophet Isaiah to teach about his mission. • Parable of the Good Samaritan • Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man
1. According to Luke, what is Jesus' mission?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
2. Whom does Jesus unexpectedly highlight as an example of goodness? What does this tell us about who Jesus is?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus highlights the Samaritan's compassionate actions. • 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.



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

