

New Testament Study Guide for Level 2 Entry

Gospels: These are the books that tell of the life of Jesus. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are the first four books of the New Testament.

Epistles: These are the letters of the apostles that speak to people or churches.

Jesus: The true Son of God born of the Virgin Mary. He was born in Bethlehem. [Luke 2]

Mary: A young girl that God chose to be the mother of His Son. Virgin means she had never slept with a man. [Luke 1, Matthew 1]

Joseph: The earthly father of Jesus. He was a carpenter.

Jerusalem: The holy city where the temple was located.

Baptism of Jesus: Where John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River. When Jesus was baptized the Father spoke from heaven and the Holy Spirit descended on Him.

John the Baptizer: Cousin of Jesus who preached the Law of God in the wilderness calling the people to repent. He wanted to have Jesus baptize him, but Jesus said that he needed to be baptized to fulfill and righteousness.

Temptation of Jesus: Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. He was tested this whole time. In the final three the devil tempted Jesus to end His hunger (suffering) by making bread from stone, bow down to the devil and Jesus could have all the lands He saw (power) and finally He was tempted to throw Himself off the temple tower to see if God would rescue Him (protection). Each time Jesus uses the Word of God to answer the devil.

Disciple: A follower of someone. A disciple of Jesus follows Jesus.

Apostle: One of the 12 disciples that Jesus specifically calls to follow him.

Peter: One of Jesus apostles who is well known for what his leadership among the apostles.

John: Apostle who is known for his close relationship with Jesus.

Peter, James and John: A trio of apostles that Jesus kept near Him to be witnesses of what He did. They saw Him bring the daughter of Jairus back to life. They were also present at the Transfiguration.

Miracles: The acts of Jesus that can only be done by God. He healed the lame and sick, He fed thousands with a few scraps of food, He had power over nature, and He raised the dead. When Jesus sent out the disciples they were able to perform some miracles. This also happened for a time after Jesus Ascension.

Water into Wine: This is Jesus' first miracle. His mother asked Him to help when a wedding came up short on wine. Jesus takes the ceremonial washing pots and turns the water in them into wine. [John 2]

Calming the Storm: Jesus was asleep in the boat after teaching. A great storm came up and He stayed asleep in the boat. His disciples finally called to Him for help. Jesus said, "Peace! Be still!" and the storm stopped. [Mark 4]

Feeding of the 5,000: A crowd gathered around Jesus and the disciples wanted them sent away so they could go and get food. Jesus told His disciples to feed them. They only had 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. He had them sit

down, He blessed the food and had the disciples feed the people. When everybody was full they had 12 basketsful of bread leftover. This food fed 5,000 men plus women and children. [John 6]

The Transfiguration: Jesus takes Peter, James and John (See above) up on a mountain to pray. While they are there Jesus becomes bright like the sun and perfectly white. Moses and Elijah are standing there with Him. Peter wanted to make the three of them tents. [Matthew 16, Mark 9]

Parable: A made up story with real meaning or impact.

The Good Samaritan: Jesus tells a parable where a man is attacked, robbed and left for dead. Two people of the church comes and pass by on the other side. A Samaritan (Foreigner) stops to help him. Not only does he help but he pays for his continued care. This Samaritan is the Good Samaritan. [Luke 10]

Resurrection of Lazarus: Brother of Mary and Martha who Jesus raised after 4 days. He came forth completely without stench or any sign of death. [John 11]

Parable of the Prodigal Son: Jesus tells a parable of a man with two sons. One son asks for his inheritance and then goes out and wastes it all. When he is starving he goes home to his father to be his father's slave. The father is so happy he returned home he gave him a robe, ring and held a party in his honor. His older brother becomes angry and won't come to the party even though the father says that all he has is his. [Luke 15]

Jesus Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem: Jesus comes to Jerusalem to give His life to save the world. The people believe He will be their king so they come out and praise Him and throw down their cloaks and palm branches so that even His donkey doesn't get its feet dirty. [Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19]

The Last Supper: On the night Jesus was betrayed He shared this last meal with the disciples. That supper is still with the church today called the Lord's Supper or Communion. [Luke 22] This took place on Thursday. We call it Maundy Thursday in our church year. Good Friday is the day He was crucified. Three days later (Easter) He rises.

Judas: The apostle who betrayed Jesus with a kiss for 30 pieces of silver.

Peter's Denial: Even though Peter was very close to Jesus he betrayed him three times on the night of arrest. Jesus had predicted that this would happen when the rooster crows. Peter denied it would and then he denied Christ three times. [Matthew 26]

Jesus' Passion: The suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. He was betrayed by Judas, falsely charged by the church leaders, abandoned by His apostles and nailed to a cross. [Matthew 27]

Resurrection: When a dead person comes back to life. Jesus comes back after 3 days in the tomb. [Luke 24]

Ascension: Jesus departed earth by ascending (or rising) to heaven in front of His disciples. [Matthew 28, Acts 1] Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus still comes to us in our worship services to give us His peace. This happened 40 days after His resurrection and 10 days before Pentecost.

Pentecost: The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to the 11 Apostle's. He comes with tongues of flame on their heads and the ability to speak in many languages. [Acts 2]

Paul: He became an apostle after Jesus ascension. He was stopped by Jesus and struck blind when he was on his way to persecute Christians. He regains his sight when he is baptized. He is well known for his bold preaching even when persecuted and imprisoned. [Acts 9]

For Reciting

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.