

11th/12th Grade Religion Take-Home Test

This take-home test will be counted as your homework grade for the fourth quarter. It will cover the whole of the Life of Christ section of our religion course. There are two parts to this take-home test, this being the second part. You are to answer the questions below for the second part and turn in the answers on the next drop-off day, Monday, May 18.

1. Why was it appropriate for Our Lord to be baptized in the Jordan River?
2. The voice of the Father was heard at Our Lord's Baptism and at His Transfiguration. Compare the reasons that St. Thomas gives for the voice being heard at the Baptism and the voice being heard at the Transfiguration.
3. "Both these lives are lawful and praiseworthy—namely, that a man withdraw from the society of other men and observe abstinence; and that he associate with other men and live like them." This is what St. Thomas says when commenting on Our Lord's decision to associate with other men and live like them. What wrong idea do you think people would have gotten if Our Lord had lived a life of perpetual fasting?
4. One of the reasons that St. Thomas gives for Our Lord living in poverty is so that "the more lowly He seemed by reason of His poverty, the greater might the power of His Godhead be shown to be". Where else in the booklet on the life of Christ did St. Thomas point out a choice of Our Lord to be lowly?
5. St. Thomas points out that Our Lord Himself gives three reasons justifying Him working miracles on the Sabbath. What are the three reasons and where can they be found in Scripture?
6. St. Thomas says that Our Lord did not preach to the Gentiles before His crucifixion because He had not yet merited power and lordship over them. Explain what this means.
7. Some people claimed that Our Lord wrote magic books that explained to people how to work miracles. What two things indicate to us that this is false?
8. When God gives someone the power to work miracles, what are the two reasons why He does it?
9. Find the three times in the New Testament where Our Lord raises someone from the dead and indicate the manner in which He works the miracle, in each case. Cite the chapter and verse for the three episodes that you refer to.

10. Why would a miracle worked on bodies on earth not necessarily prove that someone is God, while a miracle worked on a heavenly body would prove he is God?
11. Explain what the following means: "The means should be proportionate to the end. Now Christ came into the world and taught in order to save man. Therefore it was fitting that Christ, by miraculously healing men in particular, should prove Himself to be the universal and spiritual Savior of all."
12. The fourth objection of q. 45, a.4, is the following: "Further, things should not be said to those who cannot bear them, according to Jn. 16:12: 'I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.' But the disciples could not bear the Father's voice; for it is written ([Mt. 17:6](#)) that 'the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and were very much afraid.' Therefore the Father's voice should not have been addressed to them." Give an answer to this objection. You can look up St. Thomas's answer in the Summa and explain, but not quote, what he says.