

6/7 Second Hour
Who is Jesus?
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Home-Based lesson

Diocese of Toledo Objectives:

The student will know:

- Who Jesus was.
- Why Jesus came to earth to be one of us.
- The Paschal Mystery as we prepare for Holy Week.

Videos to watch:

- Chosen – Lesson 5 Segment 1: <https://youtu.be/o3f-a0e5yig>
- Chosen – Lesson 5 Segment 3: <https://youtu.be/FMzLR0cocy0>

Questions for the videos:

1. Which apostle said “You are the Christ, the son of the living God?” _____
2. Jesus is either a _____, a _____, or _____.
3. Jesus came to pay a _____ that we could never pay.
4. Which of these is *not* one of the reasons Christ came into the world?
 - a. To reconcile us to God
 - b. To show us the love of God
 - c. To write the Gospels
 - d. To show us how to live
 - e. To give us divine life

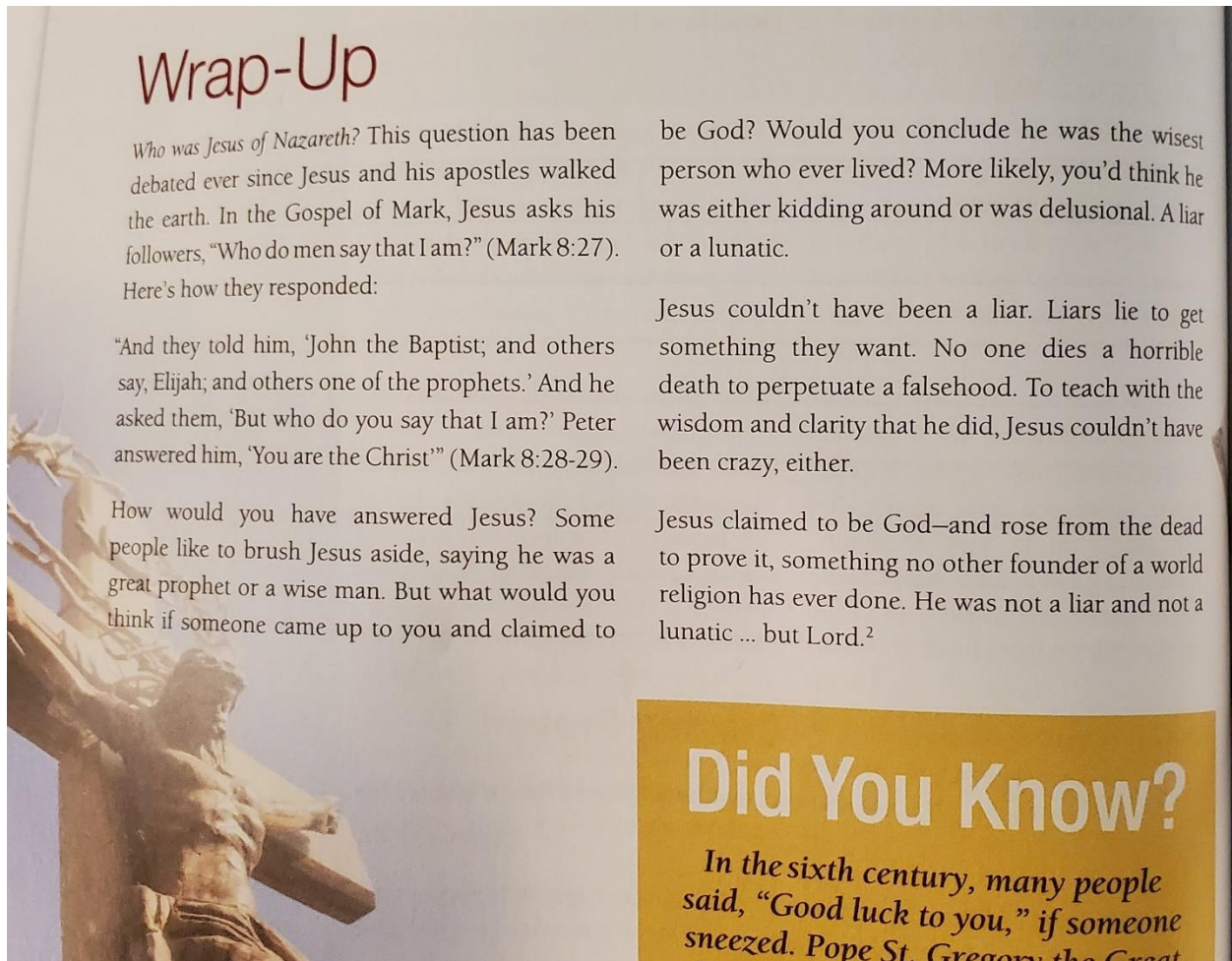
Discussion Questions

1. What words best describe the roles Jesus plays in your life? Can you give examples of how each role has played out for you?

2. Explain why God became human and came into the world. Assume the person you are speaking to knows nothing about God or Jesus.

3. What are some ways we can respond to God's love in our daily lives?

Chosen Lesson to read:



Wrap-Up

Who was Jesus of Nazareth? This question has been debated ever since Jesus and his apostles walked the earth. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus asks his followers, "Who do men say that I am?" (Mark 8:27). Here's how they responded:

"And they told him, 'John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets.' And he asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Christ'" (Mark 8:28-29).

How would you have answered Jesus? Some people like to brush Jesus aside, saying he was a great prophet or a wise man. But what would you think if someone came up to you and claimed to

be God? Would you conclude he was the wisest person who ever lived? More likely, you'd think he was either kidding around or was delusional. A liar or a lunatic.

Jesus couldn't have been a liar. Liars lie to get something they want. No one dies a horrible death to perpetuate a falsehood. To teach with the wisdom and clarity that he did, Jesus couldn't have been crazy, either.

Jesus claimed to be God—and rose from the dead to prove it, something no other founder of a world religion has ever done. He was not a liar and not a lunatic ... but Lord.²

Did You Know?

In the sixth century, many people said, "Good luck to you," if someone sneezed. Pope St. Gregory the Great

PASCHAL MYSTERY

The **PASCHAL MYSTERY** is Jesus' Passion (suffering), Death, Resurrection from the dead, and Ascension into heaven. The word *paschal* comes from the Hebrew for Passover.

The Passover commemorates the Exodus, when God, through Moses, commanded the Hebrew people, then slaves of the Egyptians, to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doors with its blood. That night, the firstborn in every home in Egypt died—except those in homes with blood spattered on their doorways. This was the event that pushed Pharaoh to finally free God's people from slavery.

By the Paschal Mystery, Jesus, who is called the sacrificial "Lamb of God," is sacrificed for us all. He doesn't free us from an earthly ruler, but from our slavery to sin and death.

Scripture to Read: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/bible>

(see the link for an online Catholic Bible search)

Passion – Mark 14:32-42

Death – John 19:16-30

Resurrection – Matthew 28:1-10

Scripture reflection questions:

1. The word “passion” means to suffer. Like Christ, have you ever experienced suffering in your life? Describe a time in your life that was particularly difficult.

2. Jesus did not run away from His suffering and death. How can we apply that same truth to our lives?

3. The Gospel calls us to take up our cross and follow Christ. How can you take up your cross? What does that mean for your life?

4. How has the Resurrection impacted your life? Think of examples of how the Resurrection has changed the world and even changed your life.
