

Assignment

Jesus of History Christ of Faith

Chapter 5: The Mission Begins: Preparing the Way of the Lord

Choose *one* (1) of the following questions as your assignment for this chapter.

1. (A) Name all (<50!) the Christmas traditions you can think of, including at least two that have their origins in an infancy narrative. Identify their sources. (B) Summarize the story of the Magi. Explain why you do or do not think it matters whether the story is historically accurate. (C) Write a brief essay describing the Christmas when you felt most in touch with the true meaning of the season. Explain what made that celebration of Christmas so special.
2. (A) What set Jesus apart from the other teachers of his day? How was his relationship with his disciples unique? (B) Reflect in writing on this question: *In what ways can teenagers today be disciples of Jesus?*
3. (A) Summarize Jesus' temptations in the desert. What did Jesus' response to Satan say about the nature of his messiahship? (B) Do you think Jesus would have responded differently had he been tempted by Satan prior to his baptism? Why or why not? Of the three temptations offered to Jesus, which is the most difficult for you to resist? Why?

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