

**Answers to the  
TEST YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF THE UNIQUE  
MESSAGES OF  
CHRIST**

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# WELCOME!

The teachings of Jesus Christ, and the message of the first century church were unique. They remain today as unequaled by any religion or religious leader. By studying these teachings we can have confidence in the statement of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). These questions show some of the uniqueness. We hope you enjoyed the challenge. Here are some explanations of the answers to the questions.

1. How far did Jesus say Christians were to go to carry a load?

- a) Twice as far as asked; b) Five times as far; c) Half as far; d) Don't carry it.

**Answer:** a — **Explanation:** Twice as far (Matthew 5:41). Roman law said a Roman could demand a person to carry his load for one "mile." Jesus told his followers to go two.

2. What did Jesus turn into wine at Cana? a) Grapes; b) Water; c) Loaves of bread; d) His blood.

**Answer:** b — **Explanation:** Water (John 2:1–11)

3. Jesus' solution to violence and murder is to get rid of what?

- a) Guns; b) War; c) Hate; d) Envy.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** Hate (Matthew 5:22)

4. Where did Jesus get the money to pay his taxes? a) Matthew, the tax collector; b) Judas, the keeper of the purse; c) His father, Joseph; d) A fish.

**Answer:** d — **Explanation:** A fish (Matthew 17:24–27)

5. What racial or ethnic group was Jesus born into?

- a) American; b) Roman; c) Jewish; d) Greek.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** Jewish (Matthew 1:1)

6. Who denied or disbelieved in Jesus? a) Peter; b) Thomas; c) James; d) All of these.

**Answer:** d — **Explanation:** All the disciples (Matthew 26:56)

7. Jesus blessed whom with miracles? a) Everyone; b) Only Jews; c) Only believers; d) Only disciples.

**Answer:** a — **Explanation:** Everyone including a Roman centurion and people who didn't know who he was (John 9: 25).

8. When did God tell mankind to follow Jesus, not Moses or the prophets? a) At Pentecost; b) In the Sermon on the Mount; c) At the transfiguration; d) At the resurrection.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** At the transfiguration, when all three were present (Luke 9:28–36).

9. Who of the following did Jesus call "Satan"? a) Peter; b) Judas; c) Thomas; d) None of them.

**Answer:** a — **Explanation:** Peter (Matthew 16:21–23)

10. What did Jesus teach about “getting even”? a) Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth; b) Defend yourself; c) Don’t; d) Get the enemy before he gets you.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** Don’t. (Matthew 5: 38–39 and 44). In Romans 12:14–21 God promises he will provide vengeance.

11. What did Jesus say we have to do to be forgiven by God of our mistakes? a) Be baptized; b) Forgive others ourselves; c) Go to church; d) Give money.

**Answer:** b — **Explanation:** Forgive others. In the Lord’s prayer in Matthew 6:12 Jesus prays “as we forgive those who sin against us” (see also verses 14–15). Remember this was before Christianity and the church existed, but it is still relevant.

12. Where did Jesus cure insanity? a) At a cemetery in Gadarenes; b) In Samaria; c) At his trial; d) At his resurrection.

**Answer:** a — **Explanation:** At the cemetery in Gadarenes (Luke 8:26–36). In verse 35 when the man is healed he was “clothed and in his right mind.”

13. Who prophesied around 1000 B.C. how Jesus would die and what would happen to his clothes? a) John (in Revelation); b) Daniel; c) David; d) Jeremiah.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** David (Psalm 22)

14. When did Jesus offend promoters of sexism and racism at the same time? a) At his trial; b) At his crucifixion; c) In Samaria; d) He didn’t do that.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** In Samaria (John 4:3–26). The Jews hated the Samaritans (verse 9), and women were regarded as second class citizens at best. Jesus violated both when he talked to the multiply divorced woman living with a man she was not married to at Jacob’s well.

15. How many generations were there between Abraham and Christ? a) 42; b) 57; c) Both of these; d) Neither of these.

**Answer:** c — **Explanation:** Both of these. Matthew in 1:17 gives a Jewish listing of 42 generations using Jewish symbols with many ancestors left out (Uzziah’s father and grandfather for example). Luke 3:23–38 lists 55 generations. Luke is a Greek and does not use Jewish symbols. The purpose of Matthew is to reveal lineage, not chronology.

When studying the Bible you have to be honest enough to look at who said what is written, to whom it was written, why it was written, and how the people of the day would have understood it.

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