

Bible Trivia: The Life of Jesus

From the manger to the empty tomb, twenty questions about the most important life in human history...

Name / Team:

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1 In which town was Jesus born?

- A. Nazareth
- B. Bethlehem
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Capernaum

2 What was the occupation of Jesus' earthly father Joseph?

- A. Fisherman
- B. Tax collector
- C. Carpenter
- D. Shepherd

3 How old was Jesus when he began his public ministry?

- A. Twenty
- B. Twenty-five
- C. Thirty
- D. Thirty-three

4 Where did Jesus grow up?

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Nazareth
- D. Jericho

5 What was Jesus' first miracle according to the Gospel of John?

- A. Healing a leper
- B. Walking on water
- C. Turning water into wine
- D. Feeding five thousand

6 How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fish?

- A. One thousand
- B. Three thousand
- C. Five thousand
- D. Ten thousand

7 What mountain did Jesus take Peter, James, and John up when he was transfigured?

- A. Mount Sinai
- B. Mount of Olives
- C. A high mountain (traditionally Mount Tabor)
- D. Mount Carmel

8 What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on during his triumphal entry?

- A. A horse
- B. A camel
- C. A donkey
- D. A chariot

9 In what garden did Jesus pray the night before his crucifixion?

- A. Garden of Eden
- B. Garden of Gethsemane
- C. Garden of Bethany
- D. King's Garden

10 Which disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss?

- A. Peter
- B. Thomas
- C. Judas Iscariot
- D. John

11 Who sentenced Jesus to be crucified?

- A. King Herod
- B. Caiaphas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Caesar Augustus

12 Who helped carry the cross of Jesus on the way to Golgotha?

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Simon of Cyrene
- D. Joseph of Arimathea

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13 How many days after his death did Jesus rise from the grave?

- A. One day
- B. Two days
- C. Three days
- D. Seven days

14 Who was the first person to see the risen Jesus at the tomb?

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Thomas

15 How long did Jesus remain on earth after his resurrection before ascending to heaven?

- A. Seven days
- B. Fourteen days
- C. Forty days
- D. Fifty days

16 What did Jesus say to the thief on the cross who asked to be remembered?

- A. Your sins are forgiven
- B. Today you will be with me in paradise
- C. Go in peace
- D. Your faith has saved you

17 What miracle did Jesus perform for his friend Lazarus?

- A. Healed his blindness
- B. Cast out a demon
- C. Raised him from the dead
- D. Healed his leprosy

18 During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall...'

- A. See God
- B. Be called sons of God
- C. Inherit the earth
- D. Be comforted

19 What did Jesus do when he found merchants selling animals and changing money in the temple?

- A. Prayed quietly for them
- B. Turned the other cheek
- C. Overturned their tables and drove them out
- D. Reported them to the priests

20 What were the last words of Jesus on the cross according to the Gospel of John?

- A. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- B. Father, forgive them
- C. It is finished
- D. Into your hands I commit my spirit

Bible Trivia: The Life of Jesus — Answer Key

1. B Bethlehem

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, fulfilling the prophecy in Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-7).

2. C Carpenter

Joseph was a carpenter (tekton in Greek, which could also mean craftsman or builder). Jesus was known as 'the carpenter's son' (Matthew 13:55).

3. C Thirty

Luke 3:23 records that Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his ministry, following his baptism by John.

4. C Nazareth

After returning from Egypt, Joseph settled the family in Nazareth in Galilee. Jesus was known as 'Jesus of Nazareth' (Matthew 2:23).

5. C Turning water into wine

At a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, Jesus turned water into wine. John calls this 'the first of his signs' (John 2:1-11).

6. C Five thousand

Jesus fed about five thousand men, plus women and children, and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected (Matthew 14:13-21).

7. C A high mountain (traditionally Mount Tabor)

Jesus was transfigured on a high mountain where his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared with him (Matthew 17:1-9).

8. C A donkey

Jesus rode a young donkey into Jerusalem while crowds spread palm branches and cloaks on the road, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 (Matthew 21:1-11).

9. B Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, asking the Father to take the cup from him but submitting to God's will (Matthew 26:36-46).

10. C Judas Iscariot

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver and identified him with a kiss in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50).

11. C Pontius Pilate

Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, sentenced Jesus to crucifixion despite finding no fault in him (John 19:4-16).

12. C Simon of Cyrene

The Roman soldiers compelled Simon of Cyrene, a man from North Africa, to carry the cross for Jesus (Matthew 27:32).

13. C Three days

Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, just as he had predicted. The empty tomb was discovered early on Sunday morning (Matthew 28:1-6).

14. C Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the risen Jesus at the tomb, initially mistaking him for the gardener (John 20:11-18).

15. C Forty days

Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days before ascending to heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:3-9).

16. B Today you will be with me in paradise

Jesus told the repentant thief, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise' (Luke 23:43).

17. C Raised him from the dead

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after he had been in the tomb for four days. This was one of the most dramatic signs of Jesus' power (John 11:1-44).

18. C Inherit the earth

In the Beatitudes, Jesus said 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth' (Matthew 5:5).

19. C Overturned their tables and drove them out

Jesus made a whip of cords, overturned the tables, and drove the merchants out, saying 'My house shall be called a house of prayer' (John 2:13-17, Matthew 21:12-13).

20. C It is finished

In John 19:30, Jesus' final words are 'It is finished' (tetelestai in Greek), signifying the completion of his redemptive work.