

FAITH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ FOR ADULT

November 15, 2020 "The Gospels of Christ and Their Writers" Msgr. Pat Stilla

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1. "Gospel is a word which literally means:

- a. a history of Christian events;
- b. a religious biography of Jesus Christ;
- c. good news;
- d. a collection of the parables of Jesus.

2. The first person to write a Gospel of Christ was:

- a. St. Luke;
- b. St. Matthew;
- c. St. James;
- d. St. Mark.

3. In the Bible and in Christian Art, the Gospel writer, St. Luke is symbolically depicted as:

- a. a winged lamb;
- b. a winged ox;
- c. a Greek philosopher;
- d. an angelic doctor.

4. Only two of the four Gospel writers were part of the group of the 12 Apostles. They were,

- a. Luke and Mark;
- b. Mark and John;
- c. Matthew and Luke;
- d. John and Matthew.

5. The Book of "The Acts of the Apostles" is :

- a. a history of the Church in the first century
- b. a collection of biographies of the 12 Apostles;
- c. a book that recounts the stories of the miracles of the 12 Apostles;
- d. another version of the Gospel of Christ.

6. The Book of Revelations which was written by St. John or possibly by his community is:

- a. a collection of the teachings of Jesus;
- b. a short biography of St. John, the Apostle;
- c. a book which contains a secret code to predict the time of the end of the world;
- d. a morale building account for Christians, written in code form.

7. When St. Matthew wrote his gospel in 70 A.D.:

- a. the Romans had already destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem;
- b. the Pharisees had almost eradicated the Christian Faith in Jerusalem;
- c. the town of Bethlehem had just been destroyed by the Romans;
- d. St. John the Baptist had just been beheaded by King Herod.

8. The only writer who makes no mention of the event of the birth of Jesus in his Gospel is:
- a. St. Matthew;
 - b. St. Luke;
 - c. St. Mark;
 - d. St. John.
9. In the story of Christ's birth, a star's appearance and the visit of wisemen is recorded by:
- a. St. Luke and St. Matthew, only;
 - b. St. Luke, only;
 - c. St. John and St. Matthew, only;
 - d. St. Matthew, only.
10. The mention of Veronica who wipes the face of Jesus on the way to His Crucifixion:
- a. is mentioned in all the four Gospels;
 - b. is only mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew and John;
 - c. is not mentioned in any of the Gospels;
 - d. is mentioned only in the Gospel of St. Luke.
11. The story of the repentance and forgiveness of the good thief on the cross by the crucified Christ is only found in the Gospel of:
- a. St. Mark;
 - b. St. Luke;
 - c. St. John;
 - d. St. Matthew .
12. The letters "A.D." which we use in specifying a date on the calendar, stand for:
- a. "Anno Domini" (Year of the Lord);
 - b. "After Death" (of the Lord);
 - c. "Angelus Domini" (Angel of the Lord);
 - d. "Anno Dei" (Year of God).

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. **c.** It is "good news" because it tells us of the coming of Christ, and because of this event, all peoples who repent can inherit eternal life.
2. **d.** Even though Mark's Gospel is placed in the Bible after Matthew's, it was Mark who wrote the first Gospel in about 45 to 48 A.D.
3. **b.** The symbols of the four Gospel writers are recorded in the Book of Revelations (4: 6-8), The ox represents Luke because his Gospel stresses Jesus' sacrifice. The ox was an animal associated with sacrificial offerings to God.
4. **d.** The other 2 were just disciples of Christ.
5. **a.** It tells us how the Apostles carried out the work of Christ after His Ascension.
6. **d.** It was written in code form so that the persecuting Romans would not understand it.
7. **a.** This event is often referenced as the 'end of the world' by Matthew in his Gospel.
8. **c.** Mark's Gospel begins when Jesus is already an adult being baptized at the age of 30.
9. **d.** This is significant for Matthew because it shows that by accepting the visit of the foreign wisemen from the East, Jesus came to save all peoples and not just the Jews.
10. **c.** It is not mentioned but it may have happened. Catholics include it as the 6th Station.
11. **b.** Only Luke tells us that he was forgiven.
12. **a.** We begin counting at "the Lord's" birth.