

Discussed 12/2 or 12/3 Due 12/8 or 12/9***Terms of the Week:***

- Jesus
- Christ
- Messiah
- Office of Prophet
- Office of Priest
- Office of King

***Small Group Time: If you are in the large room—
please talk quietly!***

- Check In: (High's and Low's):
 - Go "one on one" to share the best and worst things that happened last week. Get back into small groups and share your respective partners' highs and lows.
- Homework and Memory Update:
 - Check that everyone has done it! Do you know the meaning of the first article?
- Small Group Business: Are you helping with Angel Tree? Other?

Small Group Bible Time: Highlight or underline the following:

- How do these passages show us the Jesus was true man?
 - Matt. 4:2
 - John 11:35
 - John 19:28
 - Heb. 4:15
- Why did He have to be true God?
 - Ps. 49:7
 - I Peter 1:18
 - I Cor. 15:57
- What kind of sacrifice did God make for us—and why?
 - Romans 5:6-9

Small Group Thought Time:

- When was the last time you sacrificed something for someone else and why did you do it?
- Why would a person die for someone else?
- How would you respond to someone who said, "Jesus was just like every other religious leader who ever walked on the earth"?
- Which do you think is harder for people to do and why: believe in God or follow Christ's teachings?

Memory: Have the following memorized by next Sunday

- Meaning of the 2nd article: 2nd paragraph (up to "suffering and death")

Catechism Questions: Read pages 119-127

- What does the name Jesus mean?
- What does it mean when you confess "I believe in Jesus Christ"?
- What attributes of Jesus show that He is true God: (question 119b)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- What are the things He does that only God can do? (q. 119c)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- How do you the scriptures show us that Jesus Christ was also true man? (q. 120)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- Why was it necessary that Jesus was true man? (q. 122) So that he could...
 - a.
 - b.

- Why was it necessary for Jesus to be true God? (q.123) So that...
 - a.
 - b.
- What does He do for us as our prophet? (q.125A)
 - 1.
 - 2.
- What does He do for us as our priest? (q. 125B)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- What does He do for us as our King? (q. 125C)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Daily Readings:

Day 1:

- Read Matt. 12: 1-2. God's commandment was for His people to have a day of rest on the Sabbath. "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." However, through the years, the church had put many laws in place to assure that the people would not break this commandment. They couldn't do any "work". What were the Pharisees complaining about?
- Read I Sam. 21:1-6. David fed his men the loaves of bread from the temple that were to be eaten by the priests. Yet, David was a great King of Israel. What does Jesus point out to the Pharisees in Matt. 12:3-8?
- Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. He is more important than any rule in the book---because the law of God "Remember the Sabbath" is fulfilled when you show mercy to others! What does "I desire mercy, not sacrifice" mean?

Day 2:

- Matt. 12:9-12. It was the Sabbath---no working---Jesus went into the synagogue and confronted the Pharisees who were complaining about him. What did He ask them?
- He pointed out that they would have no reservations pulling their sheep out the pit on the Sabbath (working), but have no mercy for people.

- Matt. 12:13. What was his miracle?
- Matt. 12:14. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' miracle?

Day 3:

- Read Matt. 12:15-16. After the encounter with the Pharisees in the synagogue, where did Jesus go, and what did he do?
- Matt. 12:17-21. Why didn't Jesus want publicity about all of his healings?
- Matt. 12:20. Underline this verse. This means that even if someone has a weak faith, and not strong, Jesus will not snuff it out---he wants those with weak faith to come to him and find rest. How is that comforting?
- Matt. 12:22. What was Jesus' miracle?
- Matt. 12: 23. What was the people's response?
- Matt. 12:24. What was the Pharisees response?
- Matt. 12:25. Jesus knew their THOUGHTS! How does it make you feel to know that Jesus knows you so well, He even knows what you think?
- Matt. 12:25-30. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees when they said that His power must come from Satan?
- Matt. 12:31-32. "Blasphemy against the Spirit" means that someone is conscious, stubborn, and maliciously opposed to the revelation that Jesus is Lord. It becomes unforgivable because it cuts off the possibility of repentance. Notice that just here, when Jesus issues this most terrifying of warning, He stresses the fullness of God's forgiveness: (v. 32a). We know that Paul spoke many a word against Jesus when he persecuted the church---yet he was forgiven for this when the Lord appeared to him and he believed. Read I Tim. 1:13-15. What is the good news?

Day 4:

- Matt. 12:33-34. What is the "fruit" Jesus is talking about?

- Matt. 12:35-37. What are the words that will justify or condemn you?(Matt. 10:32-33)
- Matt. 12:38 What kind of "sign" did they want to see?
- Matt. 12:39-40. Jesus wasn't going to be a performer and do a "show" for them---when he said they would see the "sign of Jonah" what was his prophecy about himself? (If you don't know this one, ask Pastor Peters or Mrs. O.)

Day 5:

- Matt. 12:41-45 The wicked Ninevites and The Queen of Sheba both believed and were forgiven, and will testify against those who refused to believe Jesus himself! How do you think the Pharisees are feeling with his answer against them?
- Matt. 12:46-50. What verse is missing? Why is it not included?
- If you were the brother of Jesus—how would you feel about him?
- Read Acts 1:14. His brothers probably did not believe Jesus was the Messiah at first (can you imagine what it would have been like to live with a perfect brother!) But what does Acts tell us about his brothers after Jesus rose and ascended into heaven?

Family Covenant:

We have checked in this week, read and highlighted verses, prayed for each other, and blessed one another.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____