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THE LIFE OF CHRIST



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Words to know:

contemplative (*prayerful gazing in mind upon the highest truth, which is God*)

St. Thomas Aquinas says that everything about the life of Jesus... is both a _____ of God and also accomplishes our _____, it is salvific.

BEGINNING PRINCIPLES

The first and overarching point: the man Jesus IS the _____ in person.

What is the distinctive personal mode of the Divine Word? He is one with the Father in all things, except for this: he is _____ the Father. . . Aquinas sees in everything that Jesus does that He is _____ the Father and is constantly pointing us back _____.

What is more, because the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son in God Himself, we should expect that in Christ's life, Jesus the Son will _____ through His human actions.

CHRIST'S TEACHING

...Jesus reveals Himself only gradually, teaching the crowd in parables, using the _____ to manifest step-by-step His true, divine _____.

This is also why Jesus gathers an inner circle of _____ around Him and to them He teaches more openly about His _____ and the identity of the Father.

Why does Jesus teach us at all? . . . God wants to save us by having us come to _____ Him, and as we come to know Him, coming to _____ Him as well. Human beings are rational creatures. We're made to _____ God. And so God, in the Incarnation, comes to us and saves us precisely by teaching us the _____ and stirring up our hearts in _____.

What is more, one of the first effects of the sin of our first parents was the _____ of our minds. . . God thus becomes visible as man in order to _____ and raise them up by His divine wisdom to the invisible truth who is _____.



CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Jesus works miracles as a supernatural _____ or confirmation of His divine _____ and His divine _____.

Christ's miracles are also part of his _____ action. They make visible, in miniature, the whole work of the Incarnation, which is to raise up the _____, made sick unto death by sin, and to give it _____.

CHRIST'S PRAYER

The Gospels portray Jesus as regularly spending time in _____.

In a sense, Jesus is always and unceasingly _____. Why then does he sometimes go apart to pray? Aquinas says that this is for our _____. We need to learn how important it is for us to be constantly in _____ with _____.

Aquinas notes that Jesus prayed not for Himself, but mainly for _____ and for our good. The Incarnate Son raises up His _____ to the Father and speaks to the Father on our behalf. . . God desires to bring us into His own inner life and He does it through the _____ Son. In His prayer, our human nature is brought up into that divine communion between the _____.

THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE WORLD THROUGH THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

On Easter Sunday, when Jesus appears to his Apostles in the upper room, the first thing he does is to _____ on them and say, "_____."

As we receive the Holy Spirit, we are _____ back to Jesus, the incarnate Son.

Jesus as man received the Holy Spirit in full, and when He gives us His Spirit, the Spirit _____ us back to Him...in His passion, death, and resurrection, making us adopted _____ and _____ of the Father, able to say, "Abba, Father."

This is the culmination of the mysteries of Christ's life. He came into the world to _____ us and to bring us back to the _____.

Comprehension question: Choose ONE of the following to answer in your own words, based on the video:

1) Why did Jesus teach? 2) Why did Jesus perform miracles? 3) Why did Jesus pray?