

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Christology

Session 3 – Make Up

Name: _____

Location Registered: _____

Date of Original Class: _____

I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.

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Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 1

What do you understand to be meant by the idea of the Kingdom of God?

Write about a paragraph.

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 2

With reference to *An Introduction to Christology* pp. 127-134
(Chapter 5 – Section entitled “The Reign of God: The Origins of Jesus’ Vision”)

(a) What background and role did Israel’s socio-political struggle play in the formation of Jesus’ message regarding the Kingdom of God?

(b) What background and role did the various Messianic expectations play in the formation of Jesus’ message regarding the Kingdom of God?

(c) How did the key events of Jesus’ life and his awareness of his own vocation shape the image of the Kingdom of God that he proclaimed?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 3

With reference to *An Introduction to Christology* pp. 135-139
(Chapter 5 – Section entitled “Jesus’ Understanding of God’s Kingdom”)

- (a) How did Jesus reflect the image of the Kingdom of God in his teaching?
- (b) What role did parables play in Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God?
- (c) How were Jesus' saving deeds an illustration of the Kingdom?
- (d) How was Jesus' life and person a manifestation of the Kingdom?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 4

With reference to *An Introduction to Christology* pp. 140-148
(Chapter 5 – Section entitled “Three Significant Aspects of God’s Kingdom”)

- (a) What is meant by the claim that the Kingdom of God as proclaimed and revealed by Jesus is God-centered?
- (b) What is the relationship between the Kingdom of God and salvation?
- (c) What is meant by the claim that the Kingdom of God is both already here and yet to come?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 5

With reference to *An Introduction to Christology* pp. 154-168
(Chapter 6 – Section entitled “Miracles: Gospel Creations or Historical Events?”)

- (a) What evidence, internal to the gospels themselves, might cast doubt on the historicity of the miracles reported in the gospels?
- (b) What reasons do we have to affirm, despite these doubts, that there is ample evidence to affirm that Jesus was known in his own day to be a worker of wonders?
- (c) What types of miracles is there abundant evidence that Jesus actually performed? About what types of miracles are there reasonable historical doubts?
- (d) What conclusions can we draw regarding Jesus as a miracle worker?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 6

With reference to *An Introduction to Christology* pp. 168-175
(Chapter 6 – Section entitled “The Nature of Jesus’ Miracles”)

- (a) Why is the definition of a miracle as “a visible, tangible, extraordinary event, which cannot be explained by the laws of nature” an unhelpful and problematic definition?
- (b) What alternative definition of a miracle has been proposed by contemporary theologians?
- (c) What new or deeper understanding of the meaning of Jesus’ miracles flows from the examination of them in this new way?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 7

What is meant by the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed?

Christology – Lesson 3 – Worksheet 8

Write about a paragraph answer to at least one of the following questions:

1. What implications does Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God have for how you live your life right now?
2. What does it mean for you personally as a Christian disciple to live with the reality that the Kingdom of God has already broken into the world but is not yet come in its fullness?