

## Session 3: The Word Made Flesh

October 6-9, 2025

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2025-2026

### This session's objectives:

- To make Candidates aware that **reading Scripture is an important part of being a Catholic Christian**: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ” – St. Jerome
- To build greater **skills and confidence** with reading, proclaiming & looking up **Scripture passages**
- To inspire candidates with the **person and ministry of Jesus** as seen in the Gospels

### This session's program:

- |  | Time      | Start |
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| 1. <b>Name-tag &amp; Bible label pick-up; <u>make sure all have received a Bible</u></b><br><i>- as enter, candidates are invited to <u>bless selves with holy water</u> (as when entering church)<br/>- <b>chat with catechists at tables or as a class, share journal p. 24</b></i>  | 10 min    | 6:45  |
| 2. <b>Opening Reflection on Luke 5:1-11 (Rachel/Joe/Paul)</b><br><i>- read passage from Bible, show “The Chosen” clip dramatizing it<br/>- <b>Tr A</b> mini-witness on how passage spoke to Rachel - <b>Tr B</b> discuss results of trust in Jesus</i>   | 10 min    | 6:55  |
| 3. <b>Reading Scripture (and the Lector Ministry) (Rachel/Joe/Paul)</b><br><i>- review Bible basics (<u>structure</u>, history, inspired Word, truth vs. fact, genres); <u>locating passages</u><br/>- Jesus as the Word incarnate (w/ St. Jerome quote) - “proclaim” vs. “read”<br/>- mini-witness / share experiences of readings you proclaimed at Mass or that meant something to you</i>  | 10 min    | 7:05  |
| 4. <b>Jesus Trivia Game(s) (At Tables/In Groups)</b><br><i>Tables/groups test their ability to work together &amp; recall info about Jesus by using the <b>toss-and-tell balls</b> (answer key in envelope) and/or playing the <b>matching Q&amp;A “Go Jesus Fish” card game</b><br/>- lay out question cards &amp; match with answer cards<br/>- each table/group gets 2 decks (1 blue, 1 brown) - each blue card has a match in the brown deck<br/>- match 12 blue cards with 12 brown cards by determining which questions go with which answers</i>  | 5-10 min  | 7:15  |
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| 5. <b>Breakout Session: Who is Jesus? (At Tables/In Groups)</b><br><i>- <u>recommend Track B work in pairs or triads on all 10 sets of passages (or as many as possible)</u><br/>- important to get 360° view of Jesus by thinking about his different actions and sayings<br/>- <u>see next page for “cheat sheet” of themes among passages for quick reference</u><br/>- each table/group receives a set of 3 passages relating to a theme of Jesus’ life<br/>- reflection questions accompany the passages. Select a <u>scribe to take notes</u> about their reflections and a <u>speaker to report back on what the passages tell us about who Jesus is (final Question)</u></i> | 30-35 min | 7:25  |
| 6. <b>Reporting on Breakout Session (Large group)</b><br><i>Speaker from each table/group shares group’s response to final question from sheet</i>   | 5-10 min  | 8:00  |
| 7. <b>The Call to Discipleship (Rachel/Paul/Joe)</b><br><i>Based on textbook pages 14-15 and definition of discipleship (see <u>slideshow</u>)<br/>“A disciple... ..hears and studies the ways of the master (Jesus) ...participates in a community of disciples (the Church) ...lives out these ways for the good of the world (life of service).”<br/>Scripture as a source of invitation, where we hear and where we can study “the ways of the master”<br/>Choice to follow – <b>Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21:28-32)</b> - no/yes w/ mouth &amp; yes/no w/ heart<br/>Coming to faith in God through Jesus our brother &amp; Lord – to learn, participate, serve</i>            | 10 min    | 8:10  |
| 8. <b>Closing Discipleship Prayer with Blessing of the Senses (Rachel/Paul/Joe)</b><br><i>- each candidate is directed to bless their own senses during <u>“Open My Eyes, Lord”</u><br/>- turn in Discipleship Commitment forms during <u>“Aquí Estoy (Here I Am)”</u></i>   | 5 min     | 8:20  |
| 9. <b>Homework &amp; Reminders (Rachel/Paul/Joe)</b><br><i>Distribute <b>candy</b> as a treat from Ms. Hohner’s birthday (10/6) <u>Bonus Video “Jesus &amp; I Know It”</u></i>   | 5 min     | 8:25  |

### Homework & Reminders for Candidates:

- ask your Sponsor & Parents to come Mon 11/10 at St M Church, 2310 W. Ainslie
- **No class next week!** Monday 10/13 is a holiday for all schools, so no Confirmation Prep!
- next class **Tracks A & B together** Mon. 10/20, Mission Hall, 4412 N. Western  
- Homework: read/do **pages 13-18 in your textbook** for next Confirmation Prep class

## **WHO IS JESUS?: SCRIPTURE THEMES BY TABLE**

### **Brown: Jesus, the fisher of men / One who calls sinners**

- Call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Call of Levi [Matthew] the tax collector (Mark 2:13-17)
- Call of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

### **Red: parables told by Jesus to teach**

- The Sower (Luke 8:4-8)
- The Lamp Under a Basket (Mark 4:21-25)
- The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

### **Blue: Jesus works miracles of healing**

- Raising of the Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-17)
- Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)
- The Blind Man of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)

### **Green: Jesus works miracles with food and drink to nourish**

- Wedding at Cana [miracle of water to wine] (John 2:1-11)
- Feeding of the Five Thousand [multiplication of loaves & fishes] (Mark 6:34-43)
- Institution of the Eucharist [the Last Supper] (Mark 14:22-26)

### **Yellow: human vulnerability & humility of Jesus**

- The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)
- Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58)
- The Washing of the Feet (John 13:4-17)

### **Purple: Jesus shows his divine nature**

- The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9)
- Cleansing of Demonic Spirits (Luke 4:31-37)
- Many Dwelling Places (John 14:1-4)

### **Pink: parables teaching about the Kingdom of God**

- The Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32)
- The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
- The Treasure, the Pearl and the Catch (Matthew 13:44-50)

### **Orange: what is important to Jesus / Jesus with his friends**

- Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- The Good Shepherd (John 10:7-15)
- Bickering of the Apostles (Luke 22:24-30)

### **Black: Jesus and his parents (Mary and Joseph / God the Father)**

- The Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)
- The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11)
- Jesus Speaks to Mary and John from the Cross (John 19:25-27)

### **White: Jesus delegates authority to his followers**

- The Mission of the Twelve (6:6-13)
- Preparations for the Passover [Last Supper] (Luke 22:7-13)
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)