

Liturgy: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Session 10

The Church Year and Sunday, the Lord's Day

1. So far in our study together we have looked at the history and the details of the structures of Rite, the _____ of the liturgy, and Space, the _____ of the liturgy; today our focus turns to Time, the _____ of the liturgy.
2. What is the definition of eschatology? _____

3. What does it mean when Jesus said: "It is finished." He has ushered in the _____ of _____.
4. What is the church year? A way of celebrating _____ within a particular understanding of _____.
 - a. Sunday is an expression of the _____ world.
 - b. The church year is an expression of the history of the _____ of _____.
 - c. The eternal and the historical are brought together as we move through the _____ year.
5. The Church Year:
 - a. Name its six regular seasons: _____
 - b. Name its three major times: _____
 - c. Why does the end of the church year include an emphasis on the end times, the judgment, the end of the world? _____
What minor festival kicks off that emphasis? _____
 - d. What is the ascent to Christmas? _____
 - e. What is the emphasis at the beginning of Advent? _____
What person is focused on? _____ What is his message? _____
 - f. A pagan connection:
 - i. What day of the year has the shortest time of daylight? _____
 - ii. Why was a great celebration held around December 25? _____

 - iii. Explain why the pagan celebration on December 25 was changed by Christians into the celebration of Jesus' birth: _____
 - g. In the ancient world it was believed that people were _____ on the same day that they _____. Therefore, explain another reason why Christmas is celebrated on December 25: _____

 - h. From the world's perspective, what are the two scandals of Christianity? _____

 - i. What does Christmas have to do with the light? (Malachi 4:2; Matt. 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 1:4, 8, 9; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35, 36, 46) _____

j. What is basically a continuation of Christmas? _____ Why? _____

k. What are two very important lessons are read during Epiphany? Why?

i. Matthew 3:13-17 - _____

ii. Matthew 17:1-8 - _____

l. On what journey do we travel with Jesus during Lent (to where)? _____
Why? _____

m. These are the events of the Tridium – the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus:

Day of Preparation
All events of passion
occur on this day

Sabbath Day
The women rested according
to the commandment

8th Day
He rose from the dead
on the third day

Sundown
Maundy Thursday
Last Supper
Good Friday

Sundown
Friday night
Sabbath Rest

Sundown
Saturday night
Dawn
Appearance to women

n. What was being prepared for on the Day of Preparation? _____
How do you prepare for Sunday on Saturday? _____

o. We say that Jesus ate the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday; however, for Him, it was actually Good Friday. Why the difference? _____

p. How many times was Jesus tried? ____ How many times was He pronounced innocent? ____

q. What time was Jesus nailed to a cross? _____ When did darkness come over the land? _____
What time did Jesus die? _____ What time was Jesus laid in a tomb? _____
What time did Jesus rise? _____

r. What do we celebrate for 50 days during the Easter season? _____

i. How many days after Jesus rose did He ascend into heaven? _____

ii. How many days after Jesus ascended was the Spirit sent? _____

s. The season of _____ is the season of the Spirit and the Spirit is always the Spirit of _____.
So how is the Church (all true believers) the Body of Christ? _____
