**Jesus Christ**

**\_\_\_\_\_**- Common Jewish name; means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**\_\_\_\_\_**- Means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”; is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ translation of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”; Jesus was only given this name after his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it is not his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**- Means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. Gospels are not simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ life; they lack a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about a person’s life which would normally be included in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but contain other information intended to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the message of the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of Jesus’ teachings.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**- Editors of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**- Gospels which share many common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which are best understood when studied side-by-side; they are the Gospels of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ (not \_\_\_\_\_\_).

**Stages of Development of Christian Scriptures:**

**Stage 1-**

**Stage 2-**

**Stage 3-**
(The first book is thought to be written around 50 CE- This being Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians, and the last book being the Second Letter of Peter, around 100 CE)

**Why were the Gospels developed?**

1. By the later parts of the \_\_\_\_\_ century, it was becoming blatantly obvious that the \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be around for a \_\_\_\_\_ time. \_\_\_\_\_\_ was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as soon as the people had thought, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not seem to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It was necessary to preserve the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since people who knew \_\_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and forgetting the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which had transpired.
2. Over time, the events of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time might be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were written to preserve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the teachings.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were written to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ early Christian communities; each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ author wrote to respond to the needs of a particular group of people in a particular location.

**Why Jesus?**

Jesus Christ established \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As Christians, we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ by his example.

In all of his life Jesus presents himself as *our \_\_\_\_\_\_.* He, being the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world, invites us to become his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself, he has given us an example to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Through his \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_, he calls us to \_\_\_\_\_\_ his example and accept \_\_\_\_\_ the many \_\_\_\_\_\_ that come by doing so.

**Incarnation**

Incarnation is the fact that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on earth in order to accomplish our salvation.

 “The word became \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among us.”

John 1:14

This means that \_\_\_\_\_ (the word) became \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Jesus). Being truly \_\_\_\_\_\_ and truly \_\_\_\_\_\_, he was able to give us the perfect example of how we should live in order to become closer to God.