**14. The Jerusalem Ministry**

*1. Problems Jesus experienced in his ministry*

1. *Rejection in Nazareth*
2. *Pharisees accused him of breaking the law of Moses*
3. *Was accused befriending sinners*
4. *Was said to be using the powers of Beelzebul the chief demon*
5. *Tempted by devil in wilderness*
6. *Opposition from Jewish leaders*
7. *Disciples had little faith*
8. *Betrayed by Judas*
9. *Mocked/ humiliated/ hanged*
10. *His resurrection was doubted*

*2. Preparations the Christians require for the second coming of Jesus Christ.*

1. *Repentance*
2. *Baptism*
3. *Forgive one another.*
4. *Assisting the needy.*
5. *Fellowshipping*
6. *Praying and fasting.*
7. *Paying tithes/offering*
8. *Preaching the gospel.*
9. *Sing/praising God*

*3. a) seven signs of eschatology as taught by Jesus in Luke 21: 5- 38*

1. *People will come claiming to be Jesus the Messiah, the son of God/ false Messiahs*
2. *There will be wars between nations*
3. *Natural calamities like earthquakes, famines and plague will occur celestial*
4. *Strange and heavenly beings will come from the sky*
5. *There will be disruption in the sky and in the sea*
6. *All nations will be in despair*
7. *Disciples will be arrested, persecuted and imprisoned*
8. *Disciples will be hated on the account of Jesus*
9. *Disciples would be betrayed to authority by close relatives; even be put to death*
10. *People will faint from fear as they witness these signs*

*b) The evidence that supports the resurrection of Jesus*

1. *The witness of the women who found the tomb empty*
2. *The witness of Peter who also found the tomb empty*
3. *Witness of the disciples at Emmaus*
4. *Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples and showed them his hands and feet*
5. *The ascension of Jesus*
6. *The coming of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost/ He promised to sent them the Holy Spirit when he was going to heaven*
7. *Peter’s testimony on the day of Pentecost*
8. *The presence of the Christian church/ community*

*c) Christians should prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ by*

1. *Not losing hope in face of trials and tribulations because the Kingdom of God with the promise of a new life will definitely come*
2. *Leading a righteous/ holy life. They are to avoid too much feasting and drunkenness*
3. *Avoiding being pre-occupied with worries and cares of this world*
4. *Being watchful by praying so that God will give them courage and strength to stand firm in their faith*
5. *Preaching the word of God to those who have not heard*
6. *Being obedient to God’s commandments*
7. *Through helping the needy*
8. *Repenting and forgiving others*

*4. (a) Significance of the transfiguration of the Lord (Luke 9:28 – 36)*

* *God strengthens his people when in problems*
* *The coming of Jesus Christ as the will of god*
* *There is life after death as confirmed by the appearance of Jesus/his clothes signified his holiness*

*(b) Five reasons why Christians find it difficult to pray are:*

* *Lack of faith/Trust in God*
* *Sinful living*
* *Frustrations/bitterness*
* *Laziness*
* *Lack of time/busy programmes/schedules*
* *Unanswered prayers*
* *Ridicule/discouragement from others*
* *Poor role models*
* *lack of training/experience*
* *fear of people/congregation*
* *Lack of knowledge of scripture / Bible*
* *Poverty*

*5 .a) The importance of transfiguration to the ministry of Jesus?*

1. *The incident prepared the disciples of Jesus of His death and resurrection/ showed that there is life after death*
2. *The appearance of Moses showed that Jesus had come to fulfill the law*
3. *The appearance of Elijah showed that Jesus had come to fulfill the prophecies/ prophets*
4. *The voice of God, (This is my son) was a voice to confirmation that the son of God/ the expected messiah (that the disciples were right in the following him)*
5. *It taught the disciples that Jesus was to be obeyed/ trusted*
6. *The disciple witnessed/ experience the presence of God*
7. *The disciples witnessed/ had a glimpse of Jesus in his heavenly glory divine nature*
8. *The episode teaches that Jesus had come to usher in the heavenly kingdom/ the kingdom of God*
9. *The episode prepared Peter for the future leadership of the church*
10. *It teaches the need for privacy during prayer*
11. *The comforting words of God encouraged Jesus to continue in his ministry*
12. *It also strengthened the faith of the disciples who later become leaders of the church*
13. *The tabernacle/ booths/ tents desired by Peter refer to the tabernacle of the Old Testament where God dwelt among the people*
14. *It is in the transfiguration that Jesus even in his earthly existence is the glorious son of God who would be fully recognized in his gory after his passion and resurrection*

*b) Ways in which Jesus played the role of a prophet of God*

1. *Jesus taught on their duties to God*
2. *He taught on the relationship between God and the people*
3. *He called on sinners to repent*
4. *He proclaimed God’s judgement on sinners*
5. *Jesus condemned sin in the society e.g. hypocrisy, selfishness, greed*
6. *He taught at the universality of God. Jesus performed miracles e.g. healing the sick*
7. *Jesus showed compassion to the suffering/ needy/ helped the needy*
8. *He gathered followers around him/ had disciples*
9. *He faced the political authorities/ Jewish leaders with courage/ without fear*
10. *He reminded the people of the commandments of God*
11. *He set examples to be emulated/ led an exemplary life*
12. *He accepted to suffer/ opposition to accomplish his mission*

*6. a) The story of the sinful woman, explain the teachings of Jesus on forgiveness*

* 1. *God is merciful/ forgives sinners*
  2. *God forgives all types of sin*
  3. *We should not judge others (all are sinners)*
  4. *Jesus loves sinners but hates sin*
  5. *Those whose sins are forgiven should live righteously (Everyone needs forgiveness)*
  6. *We should be tolerant with sinners/ we should help them to change and turn them to God*

*7. Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem failed to portray him as an earthly Messiah;*

*- Triumphant means successful or victorious.*

*- He rode on a colt which is a sign of humility or poverty. He should have rode on a horse.*

*- He wept on seeing Jerusalem since he already knew destruction awaiting the magnificent city.*

*-He was angered by what he saw in the temple such that he chased away the businessmen*

*violently.*

* *He experienced loneliness at Mt. Olives on the night he was betrayed because his disciples slept while he prayed.*
* *The entry was not victorious because Judas Iscariot betrayed him.*
* *He suffered physical and spiritual torture in the hands of the soldiers.*
* *A criminal, Barnabas was preferred for release while Jesus who was innocent was chosen for crucifixion.*

*His closest disciples, Peter denied him three times. (6 x 1 = 6 mks)*