

BIBLICAL JEOPARDY GAME

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RULES OF THE GAME

First divide the class into fair teams. Then write the three categories on the chalk board and beneath the categories simply write the dollar amounts of the questions. The first player from Team A will select from 1 of the 3 categories and then a dollar amount for the question. If the question is answered correctly the team gets that dollar amount added to their total. If the question is answered incorrectly the dollar amount is subtracted from their total, and then Team B can choose to answer or not. If they choose to answer the question, then they will add that dollar amount if answered correctly or subtract that dollar amount if answered incorrectly. Erase that dollar amount from the board before moving on. If they choose not to answer, then the first player from Team B will answer a new question by selecting a category and a dollar amount.

Each player from both teams gets to choose their own category and question, and they are responsible for answering it without consultation from the team. The only time consultation is allowed is on the Daily Doubles. There is 1 Daily Double in the first round, and 2 Daily Doubles in the second round. A Daily Double means that the team can bet from 0 dollars up to the total amount their team has accumulated. Their wager must be made prior to hearing the question. Once the question is read the team can consult before giving their answer. If they answer incorrectly, the opposing team is not allowed to answer the question. Where the Daily Doubles are hidden is at the teacher's discretion. (I usually wait until the game is in progress and then give the Daily Double to the team that is struggling the most just to keep the game interesting – kids tend to lose focus if the game is too one-sided).

For Final Jeopardy, you give them the category and then each team must secretly write their wagers down on a piece of paper and hand them to you. Again they may wager from 0 dollars up to the total amount their team has accumulated. Then you read them the question and they must privately write down their answers (consultation within the team is allowed) and hand them to you. You then add or subtract the dollar amounts wagered from their total score and the team with the most money wins.

For scheduling purposes, plan on one 30 minute class for Round 1, one 30 minute class for Round 2 and Final Jeopardy, one 30 minute class for the test. I have found this an excellent way to review for the tests and so far have been very pleased with the results. I hope you find this a useful tool in teaching Scripture Studies to your class. I have included both a paper copy and a disc. Please feel free to edit the games to suit your scheduling purposes or to add and subtract questions.

JEOPARDY— Matthew 21-28 (Answer Sheets)

• JEOPARDY ROUND

Palm Sunday

- \$100 – Q.** What did Jesus send two of His disciples to get for Him?
A female donkey and her colt.
- \$200 – Q.** Why did Jesus choose to enter Jerusalem on these?
Because it was a sign that he was the true King prophesied in Zechariah.
- \$300 – Q.** What did the people do while Jesus rode into Jerusalem?
They laid palm branches and garments in the rode and shouted Hosanna.
- \$400 – Q.** What is the first thing Jesus did after entering Jerusalem?
He drove the money-changers out of the temple.
- \$500 – Q.** The chief priests were indignant that the people shouted praise to Jesus, what did Jesus say in response to them?
“Out of the mouth of babes, you have perfected praise.”

• DOUBLE JEOPARDY ROUND

The Last Supper

- \$200 – Q.** What was the sign Jesus gave which would tell which disciple would betray Him?
He who dips his hand with Me in the dish.
- \$400 – Q.** What sacrament do we celebrate that was modeled after the Last Supper?
The Holy Supper.
- \$600 – Q.** When Peter insisted that he would never weaken in following Him, what did Jesus answer?
Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.
- \$800 – Q.** Where did Jesus go to pray after the Last Supper, and who went with Him?
The Garden of Gethsemane with Peter, James, and John.
- \$1000 - Q.** What happened three times while Jesus prayed?
The disciples kept falling asleep and being woken up.

The Betrayal

- \$200 – Q.** Who betrayed Jesus, how did he do it, and how much did he get paid?
Judas Iscariot by kissing Him on the cheek for 30 pieces of silver.
- \$400 – Q.** Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest who apprehended Jesus?
Simon Peter.
- \$600 – Q.** After Jesus was accused of blasphemy by Caiaphas the high priest, what did the people do to Jesus?
They beat Him, spat in His face, and mocked Him.
- \$800 – Q.** Who was the governor Jesus was taken to?
Pontius Pilate.
- \$1000 - Q.** Who did the people choose to be released instead of Jesus?
The murderer Barabbas.

The Crucifixion

\$200 – Q. What did this governor do when the people asked for the notorious criminal to be released?

He washed his hands before the multitude to show that he was innocent of the bloodshed about to take place.

\$400 – Q. What accusation was written on Jesus' cross?

This is Jesus the King of the Jews.

\$600 – Q. What did Jesus cry out on the cross?

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

\$800 – Q. Who went to visit Jesus' tomb early in the dawn?

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.

\$1000- Q. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do after He had risen from the grave?

To make disciples of the nations, to baptize them, and to teach them obey the commandments.

FINAL JEOPARDY ROUND

Jesus and the Pharisees

Q. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees when they tried to trap Him by asking whether or not they should pay taxes to Caesar?

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

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