

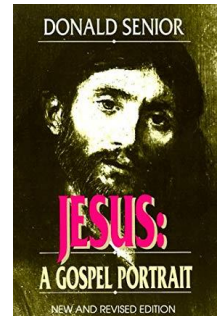


Summer Assignment: *Jesus: A Gospel Portrait*, by Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.

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Please answer the following questions on separate sheets of paper. *Remember to include the questions with your answers.* You will need to **bring the completed assignment** to CBS 200 **Opening Scripture Formation Day**.



1. Based on your reading of Chapter One, what do you think is meant by saying the gospels are not “biographies” of Jesus but *something more*?
2. Based on your reading of Chapter Two *briefly* describe the following groups (1 sentence each):
 - Pharisees
 - Sadducees
 - Samaritans
 - Zealots
 - Essenes
3. In his Introduction, Senior indicates that his book attempts to answer the question, “What are some of the things we should know if we want to read the gospels intelligently?” List one thing you learned from Chapter Three, **and** one thing that you learned from Chapter Four, **and** one thing that you learned from Chapter Five that you consider important for reading the gospels intelligently.
4. Chapter Six begins with the question, “Why would a person like Jesus be put to death?” Based on your reading of this chapter, how would you answer this question (in your own words)?
5. What is the most meaningful thing you learned about the church from reading Chapter Seven? Why is it meaningful?
6. Would you recommend this book to your friends or family outside the Biblical School? Why or why not?