

Red Curriculum (Year 2) **Summer Assignment**

Due: September 22, 2018

Jesus: A Gospel Portrait, by Donald Senior, C.P.

Please answer the following questions. Type or print neatly, please. Answers should be given on separate sheet(s) of paper, then stapled to this cover sheet. **Bring both the questions and answers** with you to the Year 2 **Opening Scripture Formation Day**, Sept. 22, 2018, 8:50 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Seminary. **Mark this date** in your calendar today! Dr. Stephen Fahrig of Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA, will be our presenter for the 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 (1-2 sentences 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?” Describe 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?