

TOPIC: JESUS IS TRULY MAN

LEVEL: COLLEGE

NUMBER OF SESSION: ONE MEETING (1½ hours)

LESSON DEVELOPMENT

OPENING PRAYER:

Invite the class to acknowledge God's presence and pray together. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray:

Dearest Lord,

Transform us into Yourself. May our hands be the hands of Jesus.

Grant that every faculty of our body may serve only to glorify You.

Above all, transform our soul and all its powers, that our memory,

Our will and our affections may be the memory, the will and affections of Jesus.

Destroy in me all that is not pleasing to You. Grant that we may live but in You and for You,

And that we may truly say with St. Paul: "I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me." Amen.

I. CONTEXTUALIZATION

Motivation: "Semantic Webbing"

1. Begin the motivation "Semantic Webbing" activity by writing the word "Human Being" on the board.
2. Ask the students about their own perception or idea about this word and write their answers on the board.
3. Accept all possible answers about their perception on "Human Being," and stress the aspect that:
 - Man is created in the image and likeness of God. Thus, as human beings, we have the capacity to think or rationalize, belong, love and be free.
4. After gauging their concept of a "Human Being", lead the students to discover what "Human Being" is in the context of Jesus' being truly man like us except sin in the Sacred Scripture and Church Teachings.

II. EXPOSITION

a. Sacred Scripture: "The Temptation of Jesus" (Matthew 4:1-11)

1. Let the students read the "The Temptation of Jesus" in the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11.
2. Discuss the Sacred Scripture by stressing the truth being proclaimed by it.
 - Jesus' human nature is evidently seen in His entire earthly life (from birth to death) and in this story we see that Jesus was not spared from the temptations of the devil.
 - Jesus' firm hold of His being truly human like us and being the beloved Son of God moved Him to resist such temptations.
 - Jesus shows us that as humans we can also fight human weaknesses and refute temptations so that we will not offend our loving God.
3. After going through this Sacred Scripture, proceed to the Church Teaching.

b. Church Teachings: Gaudium et Spes # 22 and Catechism for Filipino Catholics # 501

1. Let the students read the article 22 of Gaudium et Spes.
2. Explain it by emphasizing the enumerated characteristics of Jesus and how He lived all of them.
3. Then conclude it with what the article 501 of Catechism for Filipino Catholics:

- “The Scriptures and constant teaching of the Church are one in asserting that Jesus is truly man.”
4. After explaining the Church Teachings about the humanity of Jesus.
 - Connect the Preface to Eucharistic Prayer II which we often hear in the celebration of the Holy Mass. He is worthy of human praise because He uplifts our human dignity. Furthermore, He is the norm of which all our thoughts, words and deeds are judged and evaluated.
 5. Proceed to the summary of the lesson.

III. INTEGRATION:

Let the students bring out the Christian message of the lesson by asking the three questions below:

Guide Questions:

1. What truth is revealed in our topic?
2. What is the implication of this truth in our human life?
3. As a person, how can you concretely offer a response to Jesus who became human like us?

Give the synthesis of the Christian message.

Then ask the students if they have any clarifications and questions about the lesson.

If they don't have clarifications and questions then proceed to the evaluation.

IV. EVALUATION:

Essay

Directions: In a half sheet of yellow paper, let the students answer the question below:

- After learning about Jesus as truly a human person like you, how does it affect you in your thinking, doing and praying?

V. CLOSING PRAYER:

Invite the class to give thanks to God who gave His Beloved Son Jesus to us, and pray:

Preface to Eucharistic Prayer II

*Father, it is our duty and our salvation always and everywhere
to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Savior you sent to redeem us.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.
For our sake he opened his arms on the cross,
He put an end to death and revealed the resurrection.
In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Amen.
Glory be...*

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