Jesus, the Nazarene

GRADE 7

CHAPTER 4 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 4**.*

When the Son of God became man, he chose to live 2,000 years ago in a region of the Middle East that today includes the state of Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. In Jesus' time, this region was a province of the Roman Empire called Palestine.

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Jerusalem was a holy city because the Temple was there. Everyone who was able traveled to the Temple for the three major feasts.

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The Romans let the Jews practice their religion.

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People who were not Jews were called Gentiles. Jews were forbidden by their religion to mix with Gentiles.

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The Pharisees were largely middle-class Jews. They were known for their love of the Torah, or the Law.

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The Sanhedrin was 71 Jewish men in Judea who served as a supreme council. Caiaphas was the chief high priest when Jesus was arrested.

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Zealots were freedom fighters who were willing to use violence to get Rome out of their country.

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Jesus was Jewish. The most important prayer of the Jewish people is the Shema. The Shema is in Deuteronomy 6:4–5.

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Jewish people gathered on the Sabbath to worship at synagogues.

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Large families were considered a blessing from God. Mothers prepared their daughters to be good wives. Boys went to synagogue school and learned their father's trade.

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