Logic Questions Based on New Testament Stories - Answer Key

Ages 12-14

Question 1

Answer: B) 100 sheep

Explanation: The shepherd starts with 100 sheep. One gets lost (99 remain with the flock). He finds the lost sheep and brings it back. Total: 99 + 1 = 100 sheep. The shepherd returns to having his original 100 sheep.

Question 2

Answer: B) More than 5,000 people were fed

Explanation: The account specifically states "five thousand men, besides women and children." This means: 5,000 men + some number of women + some number of children. Therefore, the total must be MORE than 5,000 people.

Question 3

Answer: B) 2 people

Explanation: Before the Samaritan helped, the following people saw the injured man: (1) the priest, and (2) the Levite. Both passed by without helping. The Samaritan was the third person to see him, and he helped. So 2 people saw the man before the Samaritan helped.

Question 4

Answer: C) 2 sons (both)

Explanation: The story explicitly states "the father divided his property between" both sons. The younger son received his share and left. The older son also received his share but stayed. Both sons received inheritance.

Question 5

Answer: C) 13 people

Explanation: Initially: 12 disciples in the boat. Peter gets out (11 remain in boat). Then both Peter AND Jesus get into the boat. Final count: 11 + Peter + Jesus = 13 people total in the boat.

Question 6

Answer: D) Rain, floods, and winds

Explanation: The passage states that rain, floods, and winds came against BOTH houses. "Rain falls on both houses • Floods come to both houses • Winds blow on both houses." The house on rock experienced all three weather events.

Question 7

Answer: C) Being short, he needed height to see over the crowds

Explanation: The setup provides three key facts: (1) Zacchaeus is short, (2) Large crowds block his view, (3) He climbs a tree to see Jesus. The logical conclusion is that being short, he needed the height advantage to see over the crowds.

Question 8

Answer: B) 9 men

Explanation: Total healed: 10 men. Number who returned: 1 man. Number who did NOT return: 10 - 1 = 9 men.

Question 9

Answer: D) 8 talents

Explanation: First servant: 5 talents. Second servant: 2 talents. Third servant: 1 talent. Total distributed: 5 + 2 + 1 = 8 talents.

Question 10

Answer: A) Group 1 (hired at 6 AM)

Explanation: Work ended at 6 PM for everyone. Group 1 hired at 6 AM worked from 6 AM to 6 PM = 12 hours. Group 2 hired at 9 AM worked 9 hours. Group 3 hired at 12 PM worked 6 hours. Group 4 hired at 3 PM worked 3 hours. Group 5 hired at 5 PM worked 1 hour. Group 1 worked the longest.

Question 11

Answer: B) 108 disciples

Explanation: Total disciples: 120. Disciples chosen as apostles: 12. Disciples NOT chosen: 120 - 12 =

108 disciples.

Question 12

Answer: C) The sheep and cattle

Explanation: The passage states Jesus "drives out all the sheep and cattle." While doves were being sold in the temple, the text specifically mentions that Jesus drove out the sheep and cattle, but does not say he drove out the doves. Therefore, the answer is sheep and cattle.

Teaching Notes:

These questions focus on logical reasoning, reading comprehension, and mathematical thinking using New Testament narratives. They avoid theological interpretation and instead test students' ability to extract factual information and apply logical deduction. All answers are based solely on information explicitly provided in the setup text.