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Assignment 8-1

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1. Write a paragraph describing the surrounding context of the of the following passage Acts 1:7-8

Acts 1:7-8

“And He said to them. It’s not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Paragraph Describing the Surrounding Context of Acts 1:7-8

The surrounding context of this passage begins in Acts 1:1-5. Here we see Luke telling the story of Jesus’ ministry. He describes how Jesus appeared to the disciples for forty days. After this, while they watched He was taken up into Heaven.

Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father, which was the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:9-12, Jesus is taken up into heaven while the disciples watch. Two angels then tell them that Jesus will return in the same way he was taken.

Acts 1:7-8 sits at the centre of this moment, clarifying what Jesus meant about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the mission the disciples would soon take on.

Surrounding Context (Further Detail)

Acts 1:9 Finishes Jesus appearances

A wider context of the appearances of Jesus can be found in John 20 and 21, and it can be linked to Matthew 28:19-20. In these passages He tells the disciples that He has authority from His Father to make disciples (which He has done) and He gives it to them.

Mary, you have completed the assignment well.

Did you find your understanding of the passage to expand upon researching and writing about it?

2. Write a paragraph describing the surrounding context of the following passage 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

"Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgement to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world."

Surrounding Context of 1 Corinthians 11:27–32

The surrounding context of 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 may start in 1 Corinthians 11:13 when the Apostle Paul talks about judging among yourselves, though that section focuses on women and head coverings. Paul also discusses judgement and self-examination in 1 Corinthians 11:31. However, the immediate context of this passage starts in 1 Corinthians 11:17 and continues through 11:20, where Paul speaks about the Lord's Supper. He points out that when the believers come together, some are eating in an unworthy manner. In 1 Corinthians 11:21–22 he rebukes them, asking why some eat before others and why they don't eat at home if they are hungry. This leads into verse 27, where Paul explains what it means to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy way.

Verse 26 mentions” **as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lords Death til He comes.**” That is the pivotal Verse in this chapter.

1 Corinthians 1:26 ties in with all 4 Gospels with Jesus having the Last Supper with his disciples. That too, is linked to the rest of the Bible with the covenant that God made with Abraham, Moses, David etc.

Assignment 8-2

Turn to the Old testament book of Jonah and do the following

1. Read the entire book of Jonah and identify how the book is divided into paragraphs or sections.

Jonah Flees from the LORD

11 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. [1] But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish." 7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" 9 So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"--for the sea was growing more tempestuous. 12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they cried out to the Lord and said, "We pray, O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You." 15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord and took vows. 17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Chapter 1 is the first section of Jonah

Chapter 2

2 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly. 2 And he said: "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice. 3 For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. 4 Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' 5 The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. 6 I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God. 7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple. 8 "Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy. 9

But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

10 So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Chapter 2 is the second section of Jonah

Chapter 3

3 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? 10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

Chapter 3 is the Third section of Jonah

Chapter 4

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the Lord, and said, "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" 4 Then the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!" 10 But the Lord said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left--and much livestock?"

Chapter 4 is the last section of Jonah

2. Summarize the main idea of each section in about a dozen words or less.

The book of Jonah talks of actions and counter actions

The first section is God telling Jonah to do something but Jonah doesn't. The first section also shows God communicating with the Mariners. The Lord does something to thwart Jonah's plans. Jonah is on a ship to Nineveh and meets Mariners. There is a storm and everyone prays to their gods for deliverance. They ask Jonah to pray to his God

The second section has Jonah praying to the Lord from the fish's belly. After God hears Jonah's prayer the fish vomits him out onto dry land

The third section sees Jonah going to Nineveh. They hear Jonah's message and repent. God sees their works and relents from the disaster he planned (at that time)

The fourth section has Jonah being displeased with God because they repent. God shades him with a plant. The plant dies and Jonah is angry. The Lord says to Jonah "should have I not have pity on Nineveh".

3. Explain how your particular passage (use Jonah 1:13-16 for this exercise) relates to the surrounding context.

Jonah 1:13–16 relates to the surrounding context because in Jonah, 1:10 as we learn earlier, had already told the sailors that he was fleeing from God’s command to go to Nineveh. In Jonah 1:2, God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh. This section also connects to Jonah 3:5–9 because those people, like the sailors in Jonah 1:12, weren’t originally followers of God. They were pagan worshippers, but they chose to believe in Jonah’s God, the Lord, to save their lives.

The sailors didn’t want to throw Jonah into the sea because they feared causing his death, but eventually they did it to stop the violent storm. In the same way, the people of Nineveh didn’t want to experience God’s judgement, so they repented to avoid their city being destroyed.

This story relates to the whole Bible because God sent Jesus to save us from Sin. The earth will be destroyed if we do not repent. We have Jesus to save us, just as God had Jonah to help save the city from destruction.

The power of the story, as analysed here is excellent, Mary.
Did you gain a deep understanding as you recognised the different parts of the story?