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**Encountering Jesus in the New Testament**  
**Directed Reading Worksheet #1**  
**Chapter Three: The Essential Jesus**

**Directions: As you are reading through the chapter, fill in the missing information.**

**Pages 89-98 *Mysteries of Christ's Life***

1. Explain the two meanings of the word "mystery":
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The God who is a mystery is the same God who has chosen to reveal himself in \_\_\_\_\_ . Christians believe, of course, that God revealed himself fully in the person of \_\_\_\_\_ . Therefore, everything about Jesus- his actions, miracles, teachings, death and resurrection- all reveal a \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. T or F. (If false, explain why) All three of the Synoptic Gospels tell us about Jesus' birth and years prior to the beginning of his ministry.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ used these vivid birth and infancy narratives to introduce and summarize the major theological themes of their Gospels.
5. Explain the following statement: Though Matthew's and Luke's accounts are different from each other, each account represents an interest primarily in theology rather than history.
6. In comparing and contrasting the two birth stories in the Gospels, readers will employ \_\_\_\_\_ criticism to discover the theological theme or slant of the Gospel writer.
7. Scholars believe that the author of Matthew's Gospel was a \_\_\_\_\_ writing for \_\_\_\_\_ . His infancy narrative draws on themes from the \_\_\_\_\_ , with which his