The Gospel of John: Myths and Facts

In the blank space next to each statement, write the word *myth* or *fact* to indicate which one you believe that statement to be.

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John has nothing in common with the synoptic Gospels.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In the Gospel of John, Jesus is a divine being, not a human being.

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John emphasizes Jesus’ divinity.

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John promotes hatred of and discrimination against Jewish people.

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John’s account of the birth of Jesus is the basis for many popular Christmas traditions.

**6.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John begins with a poem.

**7.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In the Gospel of John, Jesus does not perform miracles.

**8.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John uses more metaphors and symbolism than do the synoptic Gospels.

**9.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John was written during a time of great turmoil and transition in the early Christian community.

**10.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John is incomprehensible to most Catholics.

**11.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Key texts from John’s Gospel are used in the liturgies of Lent, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday.

**12.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel of John was the last canonical Gospel written.

**13.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John’s Gospel follows the same basic structure as the synoptic Gospels.

**14.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Many famous and well-loved passages in John’s Gospel—like “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5), “I am the bread of life” (John 6:3), and “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6)—do not appear in the synoptic Gospels.