



Investigating the Word of God

Matthew



The Synagogue at Capernaum

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An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

The Author

The author of the book is Matthew surnamed Levi who is the son of Alphaeus. He is one of the twelve apostles. He had been a tax collector for the Romans—a vocation generally despised by the Jews. When called to be an apostle, obeyed immediately.

Not much is known of Matthew personally. After his call to be an apostle, he hosted a supper for Jesus and invited many of his friends and fellow tax collectors to attend (Luke 5:29). Tradition states that he died a martyr's death having been slain by a halberd in A.D. 60 in Nabadah, Ethiopia.

The Message of the Book

The book of Matthew was written to show how Jesus enlarged, explained and fulfilled the prophecies of the Messiah found in the Old Testament. It was written primarily to Jews in order to demonstrate that Jesus is Messiah and King, the rightful heir to the promises made to Abraham and David.

It contains more passages from the Old Testament than either Mark or Luke. It has forty passages from the Old Testament concerning the Messiah. It presents even minor details of Jesus' life and the prophecies concerning them.

Some Exclusive Things in the Book

Incidents. The vision of Joseph (1:20-24); the visit of the wise men (2:1-12); the flight into Egypt (2:13-15); the massacre of the infants (2:16); the death of Judas (27:3-10); the dream of Pilate's wife (27:19); the resurrection of the saints (27:52); and the bribery of the guards at Jesus' tomb (28:12-15).

Parables. The tares (13:24-30); the hidden treasure (13:44); the pearl of great price (13:45-46); the drag net (13:47); the unmerciful servant (18:23-24); laborers in the vineyard (20:1-17); the father and two sons (21:28-32); the marriage of the king's son (22:1-14); the ten virgins (25:1-13); and the talents (25:24-30).

Miracles. The two blind men cured (9:27-31); a dumb spirit cast out (9:32-33); and tribute money provided (17:24-27).

Special Considerations in the Book

The word "church" does not occur anywhere in the gospels except Matthew. In 16:18 it refers to the universal body of believers. In 18:17 it refers to the local assembly of believers.

Six of Jesus' sermons are detailed in great depth and scope in Matthew.

Fulfilled Prophecies in the Book

- The virgin birth (1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14).
- The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (2:5-6; Micah 5:2).
- The flight to Egypt (2:15; Hosea 11:1).
- The massacre of the infants (2:17-18; Jeremiah 31:15).
- John the Baptist (3:3; Isaiah 40:3).
- The ministry in Galilee (4:12-16; Isaiah 9:1-2).
- Miraculous healings (8:16-17; Isaiah 53:4).
- Jesus and the multitudes (12:15-21; Isaiah 42:1-4).
- Teaching in parables (13:34-35; Psalm 78:2; Isaiah 6:9-10).
- The triumphal entry (21:1-5; Zechariah 9:9).
- The scattering of the disciples (26:31; Zechariah 13:7).
- The thirty pieces of silver (27:9-10; Jeremiah 32:6-9).
- The division of Jesus' garments (27:35; Psalm 22:18).
- The forsaking on the cross (27:46; Psalm 22:1).

Matthew Chapter One

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 21

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Key People

Jesus Christ

David

Abraham

The genealogy of Jesus

Mary

Joseph

Key Places

Key Words

Genealogy

Generations

Betrothed

Conceived

Prophet

Virgin

Immanuel

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. To whom was Mary betrothed?
2. Of whom was Mary with child?
3. When he learned Mary was with child, what did Joseph plan to do? Why?
4. Who appeared to Joseph? (v. 20)
5. What did the one who appeared to Joseph tell him about Mary? (v. 20)
6. What did the one who appeared to Joseph tell him about the child that was to be born to Mary? (v. 21)
7. Why, according to verse 22, were these things happening?
8. According to the “prophet,”
 - a. Who was to conceive?
 - b. What would the child be called?
 - c. What does the above name mean?
9. According to verse 24, what did Joseph do?
10. When did Joseph “know” Mary? (v. 25)

Matching

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| _____ 1. Zerubbabel | A. Begot Nashon. |
| _____ 2. Hezekiah | B. Begot Zadok. |
| _____ 3. Amminadab | C. Begot Jeconiah. |
| _____ 4. Josiah | D. Begot Abiud. |
| _____ 5. Azar | E. Begot Manasseh. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. All the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations. |
| T | F | 2. Eliud begot Achim. |
| T | F | 3. Joseph wanted to make a public example of Mary. |
| T | F | 4. The child was to be called Jesus because He would save people from their sins. |
| T | F | 5. It was prophesied that a virgin would be with child. |

Discussion Question

List some things about the birth of Jesus which are unique to it.

Matthew Chapter Two

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 1-2

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’”

Key People

Jesus
Herod
Wise men
Chief priests and scribes
Mary
Joseph
Jeremiah
Archelaus

Key Places

Bethlehem of Judea
Jerusalem
Egypt
Ramah
Land of Israel
Galilee
Nazareth

Key Words

Worship
Troubled
Exceedingly
Frankincense
Myrrh
Deceived
Lamentation
Reigning

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. When was Jesus born?
3. Who, according to verse one, came to Jerusalem? Why had they come? (v. 2)
4. Why did Herod gather all the chief priests and scribes? What did they tell him?
5. Who, according to verse eight, went to Bethlehem? Why did they go there?
6. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream? What did he tell him?
7. How long did Joseph, Mary and Jesus remain in Egypt? (v. 15)
8. Why, according to verse 16, was Herod angry? What did he do?
9. Who reigned over Judea after Herod died?
10. After their return from Egypt, where did Joseph, Mary and Jesus live?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Jesus | A. Deceived Herod. |
| _____ 2. Wise men | B. Wept for her children. |
| _____ 3. Mary | C. Son of Herod. |
| _____ 4. Rachel | D. Born in Bethlehem of Judea. |
| _____ 5. Archelaus | E. Mother of Jesus. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. Wise men came from the North. |
| T | F | 2. Jeremiah gathered all the chief priests and scribes together. |
| T | F | 3. Upon the warning of an angel, Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt. |
| T | F | 4. Herod put to death all the male children in Bethlehem from two years old and under. |
| T | F | 5. It was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarite.” |

Discussion Question

Why did Herod want to kill Jesus?

Matthew Chapter Three

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 1

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea.”

Key People

John the Baptist
Isaiah
The Pharisees and Sadducees
Abraham
Jesus

Key Places

Wilderness of Judea
Jerusalem
Judea
Jordan River
Galilee

Key Words

Repent
Kingdom
Baptized
Confessing
Brood
Vipers
Wrath
Winnowing fan
Threshing floor
Chaff
Unquenchable
Righteousness

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Where was John preaching? What was his message? What prophet had foretold of his work?
2. How was John clothed? What did he eat?
3. Who, according to verse five, went out to John? What did he do to them? (v. 6)
4. Who else came to John? (v. 7) What did he call them?
5. How, according to verse nine, could God give children to Abraham?
6. With what did John say the one who came after him would baptize people? (v. 11)
7. Who came to John from Galilee? What was His purpose in coming?
8. Why did John try to prevent baptizing the one who came from Galilee? Why, then, did he allow it?
9. What did John immediately see after baptizing the one who came from Galilee?
10. What, according to verse 17, came from heaven? What did it say?

Matching

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| _____ 1. John the Baptist | A. Wanted to fulfill all righteousness. |
| _____ 2. Isaiah | B. Descended as a dove. |
| _____ 3. Abraham | C. Preached in the wilderness. |
| _____ 4. Jesus | D. Could have children from stones. |
| _____ 5. Spirit of God | E. Prophesied of one crying in the wilderness. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. John preached that the “kingdom of heaven is at hand.” |
| T | F | 2. John called the Pharisees and scribes a “brood of vipers.” |
| T | F | 3. John said that every tree which bears good fruit will be cut down. |
| T | F | 4. John said that he had a winnowing fan in his hand. |
| T | F | 5. John said he needed to be baptized by Jesus. |

Discussion Question

Why did God say He was “well pleased” with Jesus?

Matthew Chapter Four

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 1

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Key People

Jesus
The devil
John (the Baptist)
Isaiah
Simon (Peter)
Andrew
James
Zebedee
John

Key Places

The Wilderness
Galilee
Nazareth
Capernaum
Regions of Zebulon and Naphtali
Sea of Galilee
Syria
Decapolis
Jerusalem
Judea
Jordan River

Key Words

Tempted
Fasted
Pinnacle
Dash
Ministered
Synagogues
Epileptics
Paralytics

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness? Why?
2. How long did Jesus fast?
3. What, in verse three, did the tempter command Jesus to do? What was Jesus' response?
4. What, in verse five, did the devil command Jesus to do? What was Jesus' response?
5. What did the devil offer to give Jesus in verses eight and nine? What was Jesus' response?
6. After the devil left Him, who ministered to Jesus?
7. What, according to verse 12, did Jesus hear about John?
8. What message was Jesus preaching? (v. 14)
9. What did Jesus command Simon and Andrew to do? What did He say He would make them? What was their response?
10. Who, according to verses 21 and 22, followed Jesus?
11. What did Jesus do in Galilee? (v. 23)
12. Who, according to verse 24, followed Jesus? Why?
13. Who, according to verse 25, followed Jesus? Why?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Jesus | A. Father of James. |
| _____ 2. John the Baptist | B. Taught in synagogue. |
| _____ 3. Angels | C. In prison. |
| _____ 4. Zebedee | D. Called Peter. |
| _____ 5. Simon | E. Ministered to Jesus. |

True - False

- T F 1. “Man shall not live by bread alone.”
T F 2. “You shall worship the Lord your God.”

Discussion Question

What does it mean to be a fisher of men?

Matthew Chapter Five

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 1

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.”

Key People

“He” (Jesus)
The disciples
The scribes and Pharisees
Tax collectors

Key Places

Jerusalem

Key Words

Blessed
Mourn
Inherit
Mercy
Persecute
Jot
Tittle
Exceeds
Raca
Reconciled
Adversary
Pluck
Swear
Oaths
Tunic
Compels
Spitefully

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. According to verse one, where did Jesus go? Why? Who came to Him?
2. Who, according to verse three, are blessed? What will they receive?
3. Who, according to verse four, are blessed? What will they receive?
4. Who, according to verse five, are blessed? What will they receive?
5. Who, according to verse six, are blessed? What will they receive?
6. Who, according to verse seven, are blessed? What will they receive?
7. Who, according to verse eight, are blessed? What will they receive?
8. Who, according to verse nine, are blessed? What will they receive?
9. Who, according to verse ten, are blessed? What will they receive?
10. Why should one rejoice when he is persecuted? (vv. 11-12)
11. What happens to salt when it loses its “flavor?”
12. What, according to verse 14, cannot be hidden? Why should one let his “light” shine before men? (v. 16)
13. What did Jesus come to fulfill? (v. 17)
14. Who, according to verse 19, is least in the kingdom of heaven? Who is greatest?
15. In order to enter the kingdom of heaven, according to verse 20, what is necessary?
16. Who is in danger of judgment? Who is in danger of “hell fire?”
17. What was one to do before he brought a gift before the altar? (vv. 23-24)
18. With whom is one to agree quickly? (v. 25)
19. Who, according to verse 28, is guilty of the sin of adultery?
20. What is the only proper reason for divorce? (v. 32)
21. Instead of swearing, what, according to verse 37, is one to do?
22. What is one to do if a person slaps him on his right cheek?
23. What is one to do if he is compelled to go one mile?
24. According to verse 44, who is one to love?
25. According to verse 48, what is one to be?

Discussion Question

What did Jesus mean when He said to pluck out your eye and cut off your hand if they cause you to sin?

Matthew Chapter Six

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Key People

(Jesus)
Solomon

Key Places

Key Words

Charitable
Hypocrites
Heathen
Vain repetitions
Hallowed
Disfigure
Fasting
Anoint
Treasure
Mammon
Stature
Spin
Sufficient

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What results if one does charitable deeds to be seen by men?
2. How do hypocrites pray? How is one to pray? (vv. 6-7)
3. According to verses 14 and 15, upon what does forgiveness of one's sins depend?
4. How is one to fast? (vv. 16-17)
5. According to verses 18 through 20, where are treasures to be laid up? What are they not to be laid up?
6. According to verse 21, where is one's heart?
7. What is the lamp of the body? What if it is bad?
8. Why can a person not serve two masters? Who cannot be served if one is serving mammon?
9. According to verse 25, about what is one not to worry? Why?
10. After what do the Gentiles seek? (vv. 31-32)
11. What is one to seek first? What will be the result if one does that?
12. According to verse 34, about what is one not to worry? Why?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Charitable deeds | A. Must forgive those of others. |
| _____ 2. Pray | B. Cannot add to stature. |
| _____ 3. Trespasses | C. Hypocrites use vain repetitions. |
| _____ 4. Fast | D. Hypocrites sound a trumpet. |
| _____ 5. Worry | E. Hypocrites disfigure their faces. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. Pray to the Father in the secret place. |
| T | F | 2. Lay up treasures in heaven. |
| T | F | 3. The lilies of the field toil and spin. |

Discussion Question

Why can a person not serve God and mammon at the same time?

Matthew Chapter Seven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 21

“Not every who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

Key People

(Jesus)

Scribes

Key Places

Key Words

Judge

Speck

Plank

Pearls

Swine

Trample

Ravenous

Thistles

Demons

Lawlessness

Astonished

Authority

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. With what judgment will a person be judged? (v. 2)
2. What is one to remove from his own eye before he removes a “speck” from his brother’s eye?
3. What is not to be given to dogs? What is not to be given to swine? Why?
4. What will happen when one:
 - a. Asks?
 - b. Seeks?
 - c. Knocks?
5. What, according to verse 11, will God give to those who ask Him?
6. What principle is stated in verse 12?
7. By what gate is one to enter? Why?
8. According to verse 15, of whom is a person to beware?
9. How is one to know whether or not one is good? (v. 20)
10. Who, according to verse 21, will not enter heaven? Who will enter it?
11. Who will be told to depart on the judgment day? Why? (vv. 22-23)
12. Who is wise? To whom did Jesus liken them?
13. Who is foolish? To whom did Jesus liken them?
14. What was the reaction of the people to the teachings of Jesus?
15. How is the teaching of Jesus described in verse 29?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Plank | A. Received instead of a serpent. |
| _____ 2. Pearls | B. In your eye. |
| _____ 3. Stone | C. Not to be cast before swine. |
| _____ 4. Fish | D. Identifies false prophets. |
| _____ 5. Fruits | E. Given instead of bread. |

Discussion Question

Does verse one prohibit ever judging anyone? If so, why? If not, why not?

Matthew Chapter Eight

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 27

“So the men marveled, saying, ‘Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’”

Key People

A leper
Jesus
Moses
Centurion
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Peter
Peter’s wife’s mother
Isaiah
Scribe
The disciples
Gergesenes

Key Places

Country of the Gergesenes
Capernaum

Key Words

Leper
Leprosy
Priest
Centurion
Testimony
Paralyzed
Dreadfully
Tormented
Worthy
Authority
Marveled
Demon-possessed
Infirmities
Tempest
Perishing
Rebuked
Fierce

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who followed Jesus after He came down from the mountain?
2. What did a leper ask of Jesus? What was His response?
3. What did a centurion ask of Jesus?
4. Why did the centurion not want Jesus to come to his house? What did he propose instead?
5. At what did Jesus marvel in verse ten?
6. Who did Jesus find sick when He went to Peter’s house? What did He do for her?
7. What, according to verse 16, was Jesus doing?
8. What did a certain scribe tell Jesus? What was His response?
9. What did Jesus say about the dead? (vv. 21-22)
10. What was Jesus doing when a great tempest arose while He was in a boat on the sea? What did His disciples fear?
11. To what did Jesus attribute His disciples’ fear? (v. 26)
12. What did Jesus rebuke? What was the result? What was the reaction of the disciples? (vv. 26-27)
13. Who did Jesus meet in the country of the Gergesenes? What did they say to Him? What, then, did they ask of Him?
14. What did a herd of swine do? Why? (v. 32)
15. What did “the whole city” beg Jesus to do?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Leper | A. Sick servant. |
| _____ 2. Centurion | B. “I will follow you.” |
| _____ 3. Peter | C. “Exceedingly fierce.” |
| _____ 4. Scribe | D. Sick mother-in-law. |
| _____ 5. Demons | E. Cleansed. |

Discussion Question

What is meant by the phrase, “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth?”

Matthew Chapter Nine

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 13

“‘But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Key People

Jesus
A paralytic
Scribes
Matthew
Tax collectors and sinners
The disciples
Pharisees
Disciples of John
A ruler
A woman with a flow of blood
Two blind men
David
Demon-possessed man

Key Places

“His own city”
Israel

Key Words

Paralytic
Blasphemes
Physician
Wineskins
Wailing
Ridiculed
Sternly
Compassion
Weary
Harvest

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who was brought to Jesus? What did Jesus tell him? (vv. 1-2)
2. What did some of the scribes say to Jesus? (v. 3) What was His response to them?
3. What did the multitudes do when they saw the miracle Jesus had performed? (v. 8)
4. Who did Jesus see at the tax office? What did He say to him? What was his response to Jesus’ command?
5. Why, according to verses 10 and 11, were the Pharisees upset with Jesus? How did He respond to them? (v. 12)
6. According to verse 13, what did Jesus say He came to do?
7. What did the disciples of John ask Jesus? (v. 14) What was His response?
8. Why does one not put:
 - a. A piece of cloth that has not shrunk on an old garment?
 - b. New wine into old wineskins?
9. What did a ruler tell Jesus in verse 18? What did Jesus do? (v. 19)
10. Who, according to verse 20, touched the hem of Jesus’ garment? Why? What did Jesus do?
11. When Jesus came to a ruler’s house, what did He find out about his daughter? What did He say her condition was? What did He do for her?
12. What did two blind men ask of Jesus? What did He do for them?
13. After Jesus had cast a demon out of a man, what did the multitudes say? What did the Pharisees say?
14. What, according to verse 35, did Jesus do while traveling through all the cities and villages in Galilee?
15. Why did Jesus have compassion on the multitudes?
16. According to Jesus, what is plentiful? What are few?

True - False

- T F 1. Jesus told a paralytic his sins were forgiven.
T F 2. Those who are well have no need of a physician.
T F 3. Jesus came to call the righteous to repentance.
T F 4. The Pharisees said that Jesus cast out demons by the power of God.

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus told the blind men not to tell anyone that He had healed them?

Matthew Chapter Ten

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 28

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Key People

Jesus

The disciples

Samaritans

Gentiles

Beelzebub

Key Places

Sodom and Gomorrah

Key Words

Unclean spirits

Betrayed

Tunics

Worthy

Tolerable

Scourge

Endures

Sparrows

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What power did Jesus give His twelve disciples? (v. 1)
2. List the names of the twelve apostles.
3. To whom did Jesus send the twelve to preach? (v. 6)
4. What were the twelve to preach? (v. 7)
5. Why were the twelve to take little with them? (vv. 9-10)
6. What were the twelve to do if they were not received? (v. 14)
7. What, according to verse 16, were the twelve to be?
8. Why were the twelve not to worry about how or what they would speak? (vv. 19-20)
9. By whom would the twelve be hated? Why? (v. 22)
10. According to verse 25, whom is a disciple to be like?
11. Who is not to be feared? Who is to be feared? (v. 28)
12. Whom will Jesus confess? Whom will He deny? (vv. 32-33)
13. What, according to verse 34, did Jesus not come to bring? What did He come to bring?
14. According to verses 37 and 38, who is not worthy of Jesus?
15. According to verse 40, if one received the twelve who, in reality, were they receiving?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Brother | A. A man's enemies. |
| _____ 2. Father | B. To be received. |
| _____ 3. Own household | C. Deliver up brother to death. |
| _____ 4. Two sparrows | D. Against daughter. |
| _____ 5. Righteous man | E. Sold for a copper coin. |

Discussion Question

What does verse 39 mean when it says, “he who finds his life will lose it?”

Matthew Chapter Eleven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 28-30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Key People

Jesus
The disciples
John
Two disciples of John
The multitudes
Elijah

Key Places

Chorazin
Bethsaida
Tyre
Sidon
Capernaum
Hades
Sodom

Key Words

Lame
Offended
Violence
Lament
Glutton
Winebibber
Justified
Sackcloth
Prudent
Yoke

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why did John the Baptist send two disciples to Jesus? What was Jesus' response?
2. According to verse ten, what was the role of the “messenger,” John the Baptist?
3. Who did Jesus say was the greatest born of women? Who did He say was greater than that person?
4. What, according to verse 12, did the kingdom of heaven suffer?
5. According to verse 14, who was John the Baptist?
6. Why did the people say John the Baptist had a demon? (v. 18)
7. What did the people call Jesus? Why? (v. 19)
8. Why, according to verse 20, did Jesus rebuke the cities?
9. From whom had the Father hidden “these things?” To whom had they been revealed? (v. 25)
10. Briefly summarize the invitation of Jesus found in verses 28 through 30.

Matching: Jesus or John

1. _____ “The Coming One.”
2. _____ “A reed shaken in the wind.”
3. _____ “Elijah who is to come.”
4. _____ “A friend of tax collectors.”
5. _____ “All things have been delivered to Me.”

True - False

- T F 1. John had been released from prison.
T F 2. All the prophets and the law prophesied until John.
T F 3. The Son of Man came eating and drinking.
T F 4. Jesus rebuked the cities because they did not believe.
T F 5. No one knows the Father except the Son.

Discussion Question

How is the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven greater than John the Baptist?

Matthew Chapter Twelve

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 40

“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Key People

Jesus
The disciples
Pharisees
David
Priests
Great multitudes
Isaiah
Beelzebub
Satan
Jonah
Queen of the South
Solomon
Mother and brothers of Jesus

Key Places

Nineveh

Key Words

Sabbath
Pluck
Showbread
Profane
Withered
Plunder
Blasphemy

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Because they picked heads of grain on the Sabbath, what did the Pharisees say the disciples had done? (vv. 1-2)
2. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees:
 - a. In verses three and four?
 - b. In verses five and six?
 - c. In verse eight?
3. What question was Jesus asked in a synagogue? (vv. 9-10) What was His answer? (vv. 11-12)
4. After Jesus healed a man who had a withered hand, what did the Pharisees do? (v. 14)
5. Why did Jesus not want the multitudes to make Him known? (vv. 16-17)
6. What did the multitudes ask about Jesus in verse 23?
7. What did the Pharisees state as to how Jesus could cast out demons? (v. 24) Why did Jesus say that was not possible? (vv. 25-26)
8. Who did Jesus say is against Him? (v. 30)
9. According to verses 31 and 32, what sin will not be forgiven?
10. By what is a tree known? (v. 33) What application is made of this principle in verses 34 and 35?
11. According to verse 36, what will men give account of in the day of judgment?
12. What did the scribes and Pharisees demand of Jesus in verse 38? Who did He say makes such a demand? (v. 39) what did He say would be given?
13. Who will rise up and condemn “this generation?” Why would they condemn it? (vv. 41-42)
14. What did Jesus say about an unclean spirit in verses 43 through 45? What application of this did He make?
15. Who did Jesus say were His “brother and sister and mother?” (v. 50)

Matching

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| _____ 1. David | A. Lord of the Sabbath. |
| _____ 2. The priests | B. Ate the showbread. |
| _____ 3. Son of Man | C. Visited by the Queen of the South. |
| _____ 4. Jonah | D. Profane the Sabbath. |
| _____ 5. Solomon | E. Preached to Nineveh. |

Discussion Question

Why do you think blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven?

Matthew Chapter Thirteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 16

“But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear.”

Key People

Jesus
Great multitude
The disciples
Isaiah
Mary
James
Joses (Joseph)
Simon
Judas
Sisters of Jesus

Key Places

Key Words

Parable
Sower
Wayside
Devoured
Scorched
Withered
Mysteries
Prophecy
Tribulation
Persecution
Stumbles
Tares
Leaven
Offend
Wailing
Gnashing
Dragnet
Scribe
Synagogue
Unbelief

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Name the four types of soil in the parable of the sower.
2. Why did Jesus speak in parables? (vv. 10-15)
3. List what each type of soil in the parable of the sower represents.
4. What is the main lesson of the parable of the tares?
5. What is the main lesson of the parable of the mustard seed?
6. What is the main lesson of the parable of the leaven?
7. Why, according to verses 34 and 35, did Jesus speak in parables?
8. In Jesus explanation of the parable of the tares:
 - a. Who is the one who sows the good seed?
 - b. What is the world?
 - c. What are the good seeds?
 - d. What are the tares?
 - e. Who is the enemy?
9. What application did Jesus make of the parable of the tares? (vv. 40-43)
10. To what is the kingdom of heaven likened in:
 - a. Verse 44?
 - b. Verses 45 and 46?
 - c. Verses 47 and 48?
11. What, according to verses 49 and 50, will happen at the end of the age?
12. To what did Jesus liken a scribe in verse 52?
13. Why did the people of “His own country” ask about Jesus in verse 54? Why did they ask this question?
14. What did the people of “His own country” ask about Jesus in verses 55 and 56?
15. What, according to verse 57, was the reaction of the people of “His own country” to Jesus? What was His reply?
16. Why did Jesus not do many mighty works in “His own country?”

Matching

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| _____ 1. Mustard seed | A. Hidden in meal. |
| _____ 2. Leaven | B. Burned in the fire. |
| _____ 3. Tares | C. Becomes a tree. |
| _____ 4. Dragnet | D. Cast into sea. |

Discussion Question

What was Jesus referring to when He spoke of “the kingdom of heaven?”

Matthew Chapter Fourteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 33

“Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God.’”

Key People

Herod the Tetrarch

Jesus

John the Baptist

Herodias

Philip

Great multitude

The disciples

Peter

Key Places

Gennesaret

Key Words

Tetrarch

Prophet

Oaths

Compassion

Fragments

Contrary

Fourth watch

Ghost

Boisterous

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who did Herod think Jesus was? Why did he think that of Him? (vv. 1-2)
2. What had Herod done to John the Baptist? Why did he do that to him? (vv. 3-4)
3. Why, according to verse three, did Herod not want to put John to death?
4. What did Herod promise to the daughter of Herodias?
5. What did Herodias' daughter request of Herod? What was his response to her request?
6. What did Jesus do when He heard of John's death? Who followed Him?
7. What was Jesus' reaction when He saw a great multitude? (v. 14)
8. Why did Jesus' disciples want to send the multitudes away? What was Jesus' response to them? (vv. 15-16)
9. How did Jesus feed the multitudes? (vv. 17-19)
10. How much food was left over after the multitudes had eaten? (v. 20)
11. How many had been fed? (v. 21)
12. According to verses 22 and 23, where did Jesus send His disciples? Where did He send the multitudes? Where did He go?
13. What happened to the boat in which the disciples of Jesus were sailing? (v. 24)
14. Who came to the disciples' boat? When did He come? How did He come? What did the disciples think He was?
15. What did Peter request of Jesus in verse 28? What was Jesus' reply?
16. What, according to verse 29, happened to Peter? Why did Jesus say that occurred? (v. 31)
17. What did those in the boat say of Jesus? What did they do in relation to Him? (v. 33)
18. Where did Jesus and His disciples go after this incident in the boat? (v. 34)
19. What happened when the people of the above place recognized Jesus?
20. What, according to verse 36, did those brought to Jesus beg of Him? What happened when they did that which they begged Him to do?

Discussion Question

What purpose, other than feeding the multitudes, did the miraculous feeding of the five thousand serve?

Matthew Chapter Fifteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 9

“‘And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

Key People

Scribes

Pharisees

Jesus

Isaiah

The disciples

David

Great multitudes

Key Places

Jerusalem

Tyre

Sidon

Canaan

Sea of Galilee

Magdala (Magaden)

Key Words

Transgress

Tradition

Hypocrite

Defiles

Offended

Blasphemies

Demon-possessed

Lame

Mute

Maimed

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What question did the Scribes and Pharisees ask of Jesus?
2. What was Jesus' answer to the question of the scribes and Pharisees?
3. Why did the scribes and Pharisees not honor their parents? (vv. 5-6)
4. What did Jesus call the scribes and Pharisees in verse seven? Why did He call them by that term? (vv. 8-9)
5. What, according to verse 11, defiles a person?
6. What did Jesus say would be “uprooted?” (v. 13)
7. Who did Jesus say were “blind leaders of the blind?”
8. What will happen if the blind leads the blind?
9. What, according to verse 19, did Jesus say proceeds from the heart?
10. Who came to Jesus when He was in the region of Tyre and Sidon?
11. What request did the one in the above question make of Jesus? What was His initial response? What did Jesus' disciples want to do with her?
12. After the woman had worshiped Jesus, what did she ask? What was Jesus' response this time? How did she reply?
13. Upon the woman's reply, what did Jesus do? Why?
14. Who followed Jesus when He went up on a mount? (v. 30) What did He do for them? What was their response? (v. 31)
15. Why, according to verse 32, did Jesus have compassion on the multitudes? What did He do to solve their problem?

True - False

- T F 1. The disciples did not wash their hands when they ate bread.
- T F 2. Teaching as doctrine the commandment of men makes worship vain.
- T F 3. If the blind lead the blind both will be safe.
- T F 4. To eat with unwashed hands defiles a person.
- T F 5. Jesus fed a multitude of 4,000 men plus women and children with seven loaves of bread and a few little fish.

Discussion Question

Why does teaching as doctrine the commandments of men make worship vain?

Matthew Chapter Sixteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 16

“Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

Key Passage: Verse 18

“‘And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.’”

Key People

Pharisees and Sadducees

Jesus

Jonah

The disciples

John the Baptist

Elijah

Jeremiah

Simon Peter (Simon Bar-Jonah)

Elders and chief priests

Scribes

Key Places

Caesarea Philippi

Jerusalem

Key Words

Hypocrites

Discern

Leaven

Hades

Christ

Rebuke

Exchange

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did the Pharisees and Sadducees ask of Jesus? Why?
2. What did Jesus answer the Pharisees and Sadducees?
3. Of what did Jesus tell His disciples to beware? (v. 6) Why do you think He said that to them? (v. 7)
4. Of what was Jesus really warning the disciples? (v. 12)
5. What question did Jesus ask His disciples when they were in the region of Caesarea Philippi? (v. 13) What was their reply? (v. 14)
6. What second question did Jesus ask of His disciples? (v. 15) Who responded to this question? What was his response?
7. Upon the response to His question, what did Jesus say:
 - a. As to how the response had been given to the respondent? (v. 17)
 - b. What He would do in relation to the response? (v. 18)
8. What did Jesus say He would give to the one who responded? (v. 19)
9. What did Jesus command His disciples in verse 20?
10. What, according to verse 21, did Jesus begin to show His disciples?
11. Who rebuked Jesus? What was his rebuke? How did Jesus respond to this rebuke? (vv. 22-23)
12. What did Jesus say a person must do if he is going to follow Him? (v. 24)
13. According to verse 25:
 - a. Who will lose his life?
 - b. Who will find his life?
14. What do the questions in verse 26 tell us about the soul?
15. How will each be rewarded when the Son of Man come in the glory of His Father?

True - False

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| T | F | 1. A wicked and adulterous generation shall be given the sign of the prophet Jonah. |
| T | F | 2. The disciples had forgotten to take bread on their journey. |
| T | F | 3. Some said Jesus was Elisha or one of the prophets. |
| T | F | 4. The gates of Hades would not prevail against the church of Jesus. |
| T | F | 5. Some standing before Jesus would not die until they saw Him coming in His kingdom. |

Discussion Question

What did Jesus mean when He said to Peter He would give him the “keys of the kingdom of heaven?”

Matthew Chapter Seventeen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 2

“And He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”

Key People

Jesus
Peter (Simon)
James
John
Moses
Elijah
Scribes
The disciples
John the Baptist
The multitude

Key Places

Galilee
Capernaum

Key Words

Transfigured
Tabernacles
Overshadowed
Vision
Epileptic
Perverse
Demon
Mustard seed
Betrayed
Tax
Customs
Offend

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Where did Jesus take Peter, James and John? What happened to Him while there?
2. Who appeared to Jesus? (v. 3) What did they do?
3. What, according to verse four, did Peter want to do?
4. Who answered Peter? What did He say? What was the reaction of the disciples? (vv. 5-6)
5. What did Jesus command His disciples to do in verse nine?
6. Who, according to Jesus, was “Elijah?” (vv. 10-13)
7. Who knelt before Jesus in verse 14? What did he ask of Jesus?
8. Why did Jesus rebuke His disciples? (vv. 16-17)
9. What did the disciples ask Jesus in verse 19? What was His answer?
10. What, in verses 22 and 23, did Jesus say was going to happen to Him? What was His disciples’ reaction?
11. What was asked of Peter when they had come to Capernaum? Who asked this question? What was Peter’s answer?
12. What did Jesus tell Peter to do in verse 27? Why was he to do it?

True - False

- T F 1. Peter wanted to build tabernacles for Jesus, Moses and Elisha.
T F 2. Jesus commanded His disciples to tell everyone of the vision they had seen on the mountain.
T F 3. According to Jesus, kings take taxes from strangers.

Matching

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| _____ 1. Sun | A. Clothes as white as. |
| _____ 2. Bright cloud | B. Cast hook into. |
| _____ 3. Light | C. Face shone as. |
| _____ 4. Water | D. Epileptic fell into. |
| _____ 5. Sea | E. Overshadowed them. |

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus was transfigured?

Matthew Chapter Eighteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 2

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Key People

The disciples

Jesus

Peter

Key Places

Key Words

Converted

Humbles

Millstone

Offenses

Lame

Maimed

Pluck

Despise

Heathen

Tax collector

Denarii

Compassion

Torturers

Trespases

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did His disciples ask Jesus in verse one?
2. What was Jesus' answer to the above question? (v. 4)
3. According to verse six, what would be better for one who causes a "little one" to sin?
4. According to verse seven, what must come?
5. What is one to do if his hand or foot causes him to sin? Why?
6. What is one to do if an eye causes him to sin? Why?
7. Why, according to verse 11, did Jesus come to earth?
8. According to verse 14, what is the will of the Father?
9. What, according to verses 15 through 17, should one do if his brother sins against him?
10. According to verse 17, if your brother refuses to hear the church, what is he to be to you?
11. Who is present when two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus?
12. What did Peter ask Jesus in verse 21? What was Jesus' answer?
13. What is the lesson of the parable found in verses 23 through 34? (v. 35)

Matching

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| ____ 1. Little child | A. See the face of the Father. |
| ____ 2. One causing sin | B. A brother who refuses to hear the church. |
| ____ 3. Angels | C. Delivered to torturers. |
| ____ 4. Father | D. Wanted to settle accounts. |
| ____ 5. Heathen | E. Preached to Nineveh. |
| ____ 6. King | F. Wills that no one should perish. |
| ____ 7. Servant | G. Better to be drowned. |

Discussion Question

Do you actually think Jesus was commanding people to cut off their feet and hands or pluck out their eyes? What was He really teaching?

Matthew Chapter Nineteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 26

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

Key People

Jesus

Great multitudes

Pharisees

Moses

The disciples

Rich young man

Peter

Key Places

Galilee

Judea beyond Jordan

Key Words

Divorce

Certificate

Hardness of hearts

Sexual immorality

Adultery

Eunuchs

Astonished

Regeneration

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus in verse three?
2. What was Jesus’ answer to the Pharisees’ question? (vv. 4-6)
3. Why did Moses give the people a “certificate of divorce?” (vv. 7-8)
4. What is the marriage law of God as stated in verse nine?
5. Who was brought to Jesus in verse 13? What was the disciples’ reaction to this? What did Jesus say to the disciples?
6. What did the young man who came to Jesus in verse 16 ask of Him? What did Jesus tell him to do? (v. 17)
7. What did Jesus tell the young man he needed to do in order to be “perfect?” What was the young man’s reaction? Why did he react that way?
8. How hard is it for a rich man to enter heaven? (vv. 23-24)
9. What did Jesus say was possible with God? (v. 26)
10. What, according to verse 28, will the disciples have in the regeneration?

True - False

- T F 1. He who made them in the beginning made them male and female.
- T F 2. Moses gave a certificate of divorce because of softness in the head.
- T F 3. Some are eunuchs for the kingdom’s sake.
- T F 4. The kingdom of heaven is made up of those who are like little children.
- T F 5. Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children or lands shall inherit eternal life.

Matching

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| _____ 1. Great multitudes | A. From mother’s womb. |
| _____ 2. Man and wife | B. Healed by Jesus. |
| _____ 3. Eunuch | C. Wanted eternal life. |
| _____ 4. Little children | D. Rebuked by disciples. |
| _____ 5. Young man | E. Become one flesh. |

Discussion Question

Why do you think God’s marriage law is so restrictive?

Matthew Chapter Twenty

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 26

“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.”

Key People

Jesus

The twelve disciples

Chief priests

Scribes

Gentiles

Zebedee

Mother of Zebedee's sons

Great multitude

Two blind men

David

Key Places

Jerusalem

Jericho

Key Words

Denarius

Betrayed

Mock

Scourge

Displeased

Exercise

Ransom

Compassion

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven in verse one?
2. To what wage did the laborers agree? (v. 2)
3. Why did the laborers in verses 10 through 12 complain? How did the landowner answer them? (vv. 13-15)
4. What principle does the parable found in verses one through fifteen illustrate? (v. 16)
5. What did Jesus tell His disciples as they were going to Jerusalem? (vv. 18-19)
6. Who came to Jesus in verse 20? What request was made by this person? (v. 21)
7. How did Jesus answer the request in the above question? (vv. 22-23)
8. Who, according to verse 24, were displeased? Why were they displeased?
9. What did Jesus say would not be among His disciples? (vv. 25-26)
10. According to verse 26, who would be great among the disciples?
11. According to verse 28, why did the Son of Man come to earth?
12. Who cried out to Jesus as He went out of Jericho? What did they call Jesus? What did they want? (v. 33)
13. How did the multitudes react to those who cried out to Jesus? What did this cause those who cried out to do? (v. 31)
14. What did Jesus do for those who cried out to Him? (v. 34)

True - False in the Parable:

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| T | F | 1. A landowner was hiring laborers for his vineyard. |
| T | F | 2. At the fourth hour the landowner found laborers idle in the marketplace. |
| T | F | 3. Those idle at the eleventh hour were idle because they were lazy. |
| T | F | 4. Those hired at the eleventh hour received a denarius . |
| T | F | 5. Those hired at first received five denarii for their labor. |
| T | F | 6. The landowner gave to the last man the same as the first man. |

Discussion Question

How does greatness relate to being a servant.

Matthew Chapter Twenty-One

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 22

““And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.””

Key People

Jesus
The disciples
Great multitude
David
Chief priests
Scribes
Elders
John the Baptist
Pharisees

Key Places

Jerusalem
Bethphage
Mount of Olives
Zion
Nazareth
Galilee
Bethany

Key Words

Hosanna
Indignant
Withered
Confronted
Authority
Vintage time
Inheritance
Miserably
Cornerstone
Perceived

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. For what did Jesus sent two disciples? What were they to do if someone said anything to them?
2. According to verses four and five, what was the above action taken?
3. Upon what was Jesus set? (v. 7)
4. According to verse eight, what did the multitude do?
5. According to verse nine, what did the multitudes cry out?
6. How did the multitudes refer to Jesus in verse eleven?
7. What did Jesus do in Jerusalem? (v. 12)
8. According to Jesus, into what had the moneychangers and those who sold doves turned the temple? (v. 13)
9. Who came to Jesus in verse 14? What did He do for them?
10. Why, according to verse 15, were the chief priests and scribes “indignant?”
11. Why did Jesus cause a fig tree to wither? (vv. 18-19)
12. What did Jesus tell the disciples they could do if they had faith? (v. 21)
13. What did Jesus tell His disciples about prayer in verse 22?
14. What question did the chief priests and elders ask of Jesus when they confronted Him in verse 23?
15. What question did Jesus ask the chief priests and elders in verse 25? What was their answer?
16. What is the lesson of the parable in verses 28 through 30? (vv. 31-32)
17. What is the lesson of the parable in verses 33 through 40? (v. 43)
18. Who is the “chief cornerstone” referred to in verse 42?
19. What did the chief priests and Pharisees perceive? (v. 45)
20. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees not lay hands on Jesus? (v. 46)

Discussion Question

Why do you think the chief priests and elders did not devise a third option to Jesus’ question as to whether the baptism of John was from heaven or men?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Two

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 36-39

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Key People

Jesus’
Pharisees
Herodians
Caesar
Sadducees
Moses
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
David

Key Places

Key Words

Spitefully
Furious
Gnashing
Denarius
Inscription
Render
Resurrection
Offspring

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven in verse two?
2. What was the lesson of the parable in verses two through thirteen? (v. 14)
3. Upon hearing the parable, what did the Pharisees plot? (v. 15)
4. What question did the Herodians and the disciples of the Pharisees ask of Jesus in verse 17?
5. Why did Jesus call those who questioned Him “hypocrites?” (v. 18)
6. What did Jesus say about paying taxes to Caesar in verse 21? What was the reaction of those who had tried to entangle Him in His talk? (v. 22)
7. Who came to Jesus in verse 23? In what did they not believe?
8. What question did those who came to Jesus in verse 23 ask of Him? (vv. 24-28)
9. What was Jesus’ answer to the above question? (v. 30)
10. Who, in verse 32, did Jesus cite as living? Were they physically alive at the time? What was His statement about them intended to prove?
11. What was the reaction of the multitudes to Jesus’ teaching? (v. 33)
12. Why did a lawyer ask a question of Jesus? What was his question? (vv. 35-36)
13. What answer did Jesus give to the lawyer who asked him a question?
14. What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees in verse 42? What was their answer?
15. What, according to verse 46, would no one do from that day forward?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Herodians | A. Sought to test Jesus. |
| _____ 2. Caesar | B. Told Jesus He taught the way of God in truth. |
| _____ 3. Sadducees | C. Called the Messiah, the Son of David. |
| _____ 4. A lawyer | D. Did not believe in the resurrection. |
| _____ 5. Pharisees | E. Denarius bore his image. |

Discussion Question

Why does all “the Law and the Prophets” hang on the two commandments found in verses 37 through 39?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Three

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 37-38

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate.”

Key People

Jesus
The multitudes
The disciples
Scribes
Pharisees
Moses
Abel
Zechariah
Berechiah

Key Places

Jerusalem

Key Words

Phylacteries
Synagogues
Rabbi
Exalt
Devour
Pretense
Proselyte
Obliged
Sanctifies
Mint
Anise
Cummin
Extortion
Desolate

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. On what, according to verse two, did the scribes and Pharisees sit? What did Jesus say that meant to His disciples? (v. 3)
2. What did Jesus say the disciples were not to do? (v. 3) Why? (v. 4)
3. What purpose, according to Jesus, did the scribes and Pharisees have in doing their works? (v. 5)
4. According to verses five through seven, what were some of the things the scribes and Pharisees did and loved?
5. According to verse 11, how is one the greatest?
6. Who will be humbled? Who will be exalted? (v. 12)
7. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verse 13?
8. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verse 14?
9. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verse 15?
10. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verses 16 and 17?
11. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verses 18 and 19?
12. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verse 23?
13. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verses 25 and 26?
14. To what were the scribes and Pharisees compared in verse 27? Why?
15. Of what hypocritical act were the scribes and Pharisees guilty in verses 29 through 32?
16. What did Jesus say would come upon the scribes and Pharisees? (vv. 35-36)
17. What had Jerusalem done to the prophets who had been sent to her?
18. What was Jesus' desire for Jerusalem? What was her response?
19. What, according to verse 38, was left desolate?
20. When did Jesus say they would see Him? (v. 39)

Discussion Question

Why was the term “hypocrite” such an appropriate one to apply to the scribes and Pharisees?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Four

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 35

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

Key People

Jesus

The disciples

Daniel

Noah

Key Places

Mount of Olives

Judea

Key Words

Famines

Pestilences

Tribulation

Offended

Betray

Abomination of desolation

Elect

Carcass

Mourn

Hypocrites

Gnashing

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did Jesus say about the temple in verse two?
2. What did the disciples request of Jesus as He sat on the Mount of Olives? (v. 3)
3. What warning did Jesus give the disciples in verse four?
4. Who did Jesus say would come in verse five?
5. According to verse nine, what would happen to the disciples?
6. Who did Jesus say would “rise up” in verse 11?
7. According to verse 14, what will precede “the end?”
8. What would the disciples see “standing in the holy place?” (v. 15) What were they to do when they saw it? (v. 16)
9. According to verse 21, what will occur at that time?
10. What were the disciples not to believe? Why? (vv. 23-24)
11. According to verse 27, what will the coming of the Son of Man be like?
12. What, according to verse 29, will happen “immediately after the tribulation?”
13. When, according to verse 34, will these things take place?
14. According to verse 35, what will not pass away?
15. Who knows when these things will take place? (v. 36)
16. What, according to verses 37 through 39, will “the coming of the Son of Man” be like?
17. What commands are given in verses 42 and 44? Why are they given?
18. Who, according to verse 46, is blessed?
19. What will the blessed one be made? (v. 47)
20. When will the master of the evil servant come? (v. 50) What will he do with the evil servant? (v. 51)

Discussion Question

Since Jesus said these things would take place shortly (v. 34), what “coming of the Son of Man” is under consideration in this chapter?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Five

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 34

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Key People

(Jesus)

Key Places

Key Words

Virgins

Vessels

Slumbered

Talents

Ability

Accounts

Inherit

Foundation

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven in verse one?
2. Why were five virgins foolish? Why were five virgins wise? (vv. 2-4)
3. Where were the foolish virgins when the bridegroom came? What happened when they returned? (vv. 10-12)
4. What is the lesson of the parable in verses one through twelve? (v. 13)
5. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven in verse 14?
6. How did the master distribute the talents? (v. 15)
7. What did each of the servants do with what they had received? (vv. 16-18)
8. When the master returned, what happened to the man who had received:
 - a. Five talents? (vv 20-21)
 - b. Two talents? (vv. 22-23)
 - c. One talent? (vv. 24-28)
9. What is the lesson of the parable in verses 14 through 28? (vv. 29-30)
10. According to verses 31 and 32, when the Son of Man comes again:
 - a. Who will accompany Him?
 - b. Where will He sit?
 - c. What will He do?
11. Who will be placed on the Son of Man’s right hand? Who will be placed on His left hand? (v. 33)
12. What will the Son of Man say to those on His right hand? Why will He say that? (vv. 35-36)
13. What will those on His right hand ask the Son of Man? (vv. 37-39)
14. What will the Son of Man say to those on His left hand? (v. 41) Why will He say that? (vv. 42-43)
15. What will those on His left hand ask the Son of Man? (v. 44)
16. What, according to verse 46, will happen to those on the:
 - a. Left hand of the Son of Man?
 - b. Right hand of the Son of Man?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Bridegroom | A. Go into eternal life. |
| _____ 2. Master | B. “Come, you blessed of My Father.” |
| _____ 3. King | C. Went to a far country. |
| _____ 4. The righteous | D. Delayed his coming. |

Discussion Question

What do the parable of the virgins and the parable of the talents have in common?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Six

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 39

“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”

Key People

Jesus
The disciples
Chief priests and scribes
Elders of the people
Caiaphas
Simon the leper
Woman with alabaster flask
Judas Iscariot
Peter
Sons of Zebedee
Great multitude
Servant of the high priest
Servant girl

Key Places

Bethany
Mount of Olives
Gethsemane
Galilee
Nazareth

Key Words

Passover
Crucified
Trickery
Uproar
Alabaster
Flask
Fragrant
Indignant
Betray
Feast of Unleavened Bread
Rabbi
Stumble
Distressed
Legions
Blasphemy
Bitterly

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to Him? (v. 2)
2. According to verses three and four, who was plotting to kill Jesus?
3. What did a woman in Bethany do for Jesus? (vv. 6-7) Why did Jesus say she did this? (vv. 10-12)
4. Why did Judas go to the chief priests? What was their response? (vv. 14-16)
5. As He observed the Passover with His disciples, what did Jesus tell them that one of them would do? (v. 21) What was their reaction? (v. 22)
6. How did Jesus identify the one who would betray Him? (vv. 23-25)
7. What did Jesus institute in verses 26 through 29: What is its purpose?
8. What did Jesus say His disciples would do that night? (v. 31) Who said he would not do that? (vv. 33, 35) What did Jesus’ answer him? (v. 34)
9. Who did Jesus take with Him when He went to pray in Gethsemane? (v. 37) What did they do while He prayed? (vv. 40, 43, 45)
10. For what did Jesus pray in Gethsemane? (vv. 39, 42, 44)
11. How did Judas identify Jesus to those who arrested Him? (vv. 47-49)
12. When the multitude laid hands on Jesus to arrest Him, what did one of the disciples do? (v. 51) What did Jesus tell him? (v. 52) What could Jesus have done to defend Himself? (v. 53)
13. Why, according to verse 56, was all this taking place?
14. Upon His arrest, where was Jesus taken? (v. 57) Who followed Him from a distance? (v. 58) Where were the rest of the disciples? (v. 56)
15. What, according to verse 59, was the council seeking? When they were finally found, what was their testimony? (v. 61)
16. What question did the high priest ask Jesus in verse 63? What was Jesus’ answer? (v. 64) What did the high priest say Jesus answer was? (v. 65)
17. What did the council say Jesus deserved? (v. 66) What did they do to Him? (v. 67) What did they tell Him to do? (v. 68)
18. While this was going on, who sat in the courtyard? (v. 69) What did a servant girl say to him? What was his reply? (v. 70)
19. How did the one who sat in the courtyard try to make it plain he did not know Jesus? (vv. 72, 74)
20. What happened after the third denial? What, then, did the one who had denied Jesus do? (v. 75)

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus prayed for it to be possible to “let this cup pass” from Him?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Seven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 54

“So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, ‘Truly, this was the Son of God.’”

Key People

Chief priests and elders
Jesus

Pontius Pilate

Judas

Jeremiah

Barabbas

Wife of Pilate

Simon of Cyrene

Scribes

Elijah

Centurion

Mary Magdalene

Mary, mother of James and Joses

Wife of Zebedee

Joseph of Arimathea

Pharisees

Key Places

Praetorium

Golgotha

Key Words

Remorseful

Accustomed

Notorious

Tumult

Scourged

Garrison

Compelled

Gall

Reviled

Day of Preparation

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. To whom did the chief priests and elders send Jesus? (v. 2)
2. What did Judas try to do? What happened when he tried to do it? What did he then do? (vv. 3-5)
3. What did the chief priests do with Judas' money? Why? (vv. 6-10)
4. What did the governor ask Jesus in verse 11? What was His reply?
5. What caused the governor to marvel? (vv. 13-14)
6. What, according to verse 15, was the governor accustomed to doing at the feast? (v. 17) What choice did he give the multitude? What was their decision? (vv. 20-23)
7. What did the governor's wife tell him in regard to Jesus? Why did she tell him that? (v. 19)
8. What, in verse 24, did Pilate do when he saw he could not prevail against the multitude?
9. According to verse 27, where was Jesus taken? What happened to Him there? (vv. 28-31)
10. Who was compelled to carry Jesus' cross? (v. 32) Where was Jesus taken? (v. 33)
11. What was done with Jesus' garments? Why was this done? (vv. 35-36)
12. What, according to verse 37, was placed over the head of Jesus?
13. Who were crucified with Jesus? (v. 38)
14. According to verses 39 and 40, what did those who passed by the crucifixion do?
15. What did the chief priests, scribes and elders mockingly say about Jesus? (vv. 41-43) Who also reviled Jesus? (v. 44)
16. What was over the land from the sixth hour to the ninth hour? (v. 45) What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour? (v. 46)
17. What happened immediately after Jesus died? (vv. 50-53) Seeing these things, what did a centurion say? (v. 54)
18. Who, according to verses 55 and 56, looked on from afar?
19. Who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus? What did he do with it? (vv. 57-60) Who was there with him? (v. 61)
20. What did the chief priests and Pharisees ask of Pilate? What did he do in response? (vv. 62-66)

Discussion Question

How and why was Jesus forsaken by God while He was on the cross?

Matthew Chapter Twenty-Eight

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Key People

Mary Magdalene

“Other” Mary

Guards (Soldiers)

Jesus

Chief priests

Elders

The Jews

Eleven disciples

Key Places

Galilee

Key Words

Countenance

Consulted

Appease

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who, according to verse one, came to the tomb of Jesus? When did they come there?
2. What happened at the tomb? Who descended from heaven? What did he do? (v. 2)
3. How is the one who descended from heaven described in verse three?
4. What was the reaction of the guards when they saw the one descended from heaven? (v. 4)
5. What did the one descended from heaven say about Jesus? (vv. 5-6)
6. What did the one descended from heaven tell the women who were at the tomb to do? (v. 7) What was their response?
7. Who did the women meet while traveling? What did they do upon seeing Him? What did He tell them to do?
8. According to verse 11, where did some of those who had guarded the tomb go? With whom did they meet? What did they tell them?
9. What did the chief priests and elders decide to do with the guards? What did they tell the guards to say about Jesus? (vv. 12-14)
10. Where did the eleven disciples meet Jesus? What did they do when they saw Him? (vv. 16-17)
11. What, in verse 18, did Jesus say had been given to Him?
12. What did Jesus command His disciples to do? (vv. 19-20)

True - False in the Parable:

- T F 1. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to Jesus tomb on the Sabbath.
- T F 2. The guards were told to tell that His disciples had stolen the body of Jesus.
- T F 3. The disciples were to make disciples of all nations.

Matching

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| _____ 1. Mary Magdalene | A. Had clothing as white as snow. |
| _____ 2. Guards | B. Said they would appease the governor. |
| _____ 3. Angel | C. Ran from the tomb with great fear and joy. |
| _____ 4. Chief priests | D. Went away to Galilee. |
| _____ 5. Eleven disciples | E. Became like dead men. |

Discussion Question

What does it mean for Jesus to have all authority in heaven and on earth?

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