

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #1



Overview of Matthew

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why four gospels? Which of the four are called the synoptic gospels? Why?

GOSPEL	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
AUDIENCE	Jews	Romans	Hellenists	Greek World
PORTRAIT OF JESUS	Jesus is the <b>Messiah/King</b> who fulfills Old Testament prophecy and expectations	Jesus is the <b>authoritative Son of God</b>	Jesus is the perfect <b>Son of Man</b> who came to save and minister to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer	Jesus is the fully <b>divine Son of God</b> in whom we should believe to receive eternal life (the "I AM" of God)
KEY VERSE	Matthew 1:1; 16:16; 20:28	Mark 1:1; 8:27; 10:45; 15:34	Luke 19:10	John 20:31
KEY WORDS	Fulfilled	Immediately	Son of Man	Believe; Eternal life

2. What do we know about the author of the Gospel of Matthew? Use a concordance.

3. The outline of Matthew:

REFERENCE	Ch 1-4	Ch 5-7	Ch 8-10	Ch 11-16	Ch 16-20	Ch 20-27	Ch 28
DIVISION	Presentation of the King	Proclamation of the King	Power of the King	Progressive Rejection of the King	Preparation of the King's Disciples	Presentation and Crucifixion of the King	Proof of the King
TOPIC	Birth and Baptism	Sermon on the Mount	Miracles	Parables of the Kingdom	Church Discipline	Olivet Discourse	Resurrection
LOCATION	Bethlehem & Nazareth	Galilee			Judea		

4. Why do you think Matthew was placed first in the New Testament?

5. How many Old Testament prophecies does Matthew record as fulfilled in the life of Christ? Use a concordance.

6. What does Matthew include about Christ not found in any of the other Gospels?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE –

1. If Christ is your Savior, Lord, and King, then surely you will want to learn as much as possible about his earthly life. What areas of Christ's life do you hope to learn more about?

2. How do you think God will change your life through your study of Matthew?

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### Study #2



Matthew 1:1-17 – Jesus’ Family Tree

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why does Matthew begin his Gospel with a genealogy of Christ’s ancestors?
2. How does Matthew’s genealogy differ from Luke’s (see Luke 3:23-38).
3. How does the curse on Jeconiah (Coniah – see Jeremiah 22:24-30) affect the royal line of Christ?
4. Why does Matthew begin by focusing on Christ’s relationship with David and Abraham?
5. Summarize what was happening in each of the three historical periods noted in the genealogy:

Period in Israel’s History	Summary of the Time Period
Vss. 2-6	
Vss. 7-11	
Vss. 12-16	

6. Who are the four women included in this genealogy and what is significant about each one?

Woman’s name	Her historical significance
Vs. 3	
Vs. 5	
Vs. 5	
Vs. 6	

7. How is God's grace displayed throughout the genealogy?

8. How does the account of Joseph's relationship to Christ in vs. 16 differ from all the others in the genealogy?

9. What do the names "Jesus" and "Christ" mean (vs. 16)?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

List three reasons why this genealogy should be a great encouragement and comfort to God's people.

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2.
3.

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### Study #3



Matthew 1:18-25 God With Us

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What was the legal relationship between Joseph and Mary at this time?
2. How does vs. 18 teach the virgin conception of Jesus?
3. What was Joseph's plan when he discovered Mary's condition? What does this tell you about Joseph's character?
4. What does Joseph's dream tell you about God's timing in terms of revealing information?
5. Do a careful outline of the angel's message to Joseph:
6. Why was the child's name to be called Jesus? Unpack the last clause in vs. 21. What is the meaning of the verb, who is included in the object of the verb, what is the significance of the preposition, and what is the object of the preposition?
7. What references would you use to defend the doctrine of the virgin conception of Jesus Christ?
8. What is significant about the title "Immanuel"?

9. How do you explain the difference in the legal relationship between Joseph and Mary in Matt. 1:23-25 and Luke 2:5? Were they married or engaged when they traveled to Bethlehem?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What do you learn from Joseph's example in terms of your relationship with God and a spouse or fiancée?
2. How important is the doctrine of the virgin conception (birth) to you? Is this truth a hill you would die on?
3. What special encouragement and assurance does Jesus' title "Immanuel" give you?

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Matthew 2 Worship Him or Murder Him?

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. There are a total of six Herods in the Bible. Summarize their biblical roles from the references given in the chart.

Herod the Great	Herod Archelaus	Herod Philip	Herod Antipas	Herod Agrippa I	Herod Agrippa II
Matt. 2:1-15	Matt. 2:22	Luke 3:1	Matt. 14:6-12 Luke 23:6-12	Acts 12:1-23	Acts 25-26

- Who are these magi and why have they come to Jerusalem?
- Why was Herod troubled when he heard the reason these magi had come to Jerusalem?
- How did the Jewish leaders figure out where this King of the Jews was to be born? Did these Bible “scholars” take the prophecies literally or figuratively?
- Why was Herod so secretive in vss. 7-8?
- For what reasons were these magi so overwhelmed with joy when they saw the star hovering over Bethlehem?
- What do you learn about worship in vss. 11-12?
- Why did Joseph take his family to Egypt?

9. Why did Joseph settle his family in Nazareth of Galilee instead of Bethlehem?

10. What prophecies were fulfilled in this chapter?

Prophecies Fulfilled	Old Testament references	Summary of each prophecy

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Does your heart reflect the kind of response you see in the magi when they came to Christ?
2. What does Joseph's decision to move to Galilee teach you about God's will?



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Matthew 3 – John the Baptist – Get Ready for the King

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Who is this man called John the Baptist? What do you learn about him from this and the other gospels?
2. What does John's command to "repent" mean?
3. What did John mean by "the kingdom of heaven is at hand?"
4. How do you describe the kind of life John led (esp. vs. 4)?
5. Why were the people submitting to John's baptism?
6. Who were the Pharisees and Sadducees (short explanation)?
7. How did John preach to them? Why?
8. How does John describe Christ and His work (vss. 11-12)?
9. Why did Jesus insist on being baptized? Why was John reluctant?
10. What happened when Jesus was baptized?

11. How do vss. 16-17 support the doctrine of the trinity?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What might the 21<sup>st</sup> century churches learn from the ministry of John the Baptist?
2. What is there about John's life that challenges you?
3. What can you learn from John's attitude to apply to your own life?

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Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus Vs. Satan

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Think about the timing of this temptation. Why do you think God arranged for Jesus to be tempted at this point in His life and ministry?
  
2. What does verse one teach you about:
  - Jesus' humanity?
  
  - The leading of the Spirit?
  
  - Satan?
  
3. While we aren't told, why do you think Jesus fasted forty days and nights (vs. 2)?

4. Fill in the chart:

The Temptations	#1	#2	#3
Human desire to which Satan appeals			
Satan's deception			
Jesus' response			

5. What *comparisons* or *contrasts* can you draw between these temptations and Satan's tempting Adam and Eve in the garden in Genesis 3?

	Garden of Eden	Jesus in the wilderness
Comparisons:		
Contrasts:		

6. Could Jesus have sinned?

7. Depending on your answer to #5, in what sense were these temptations real to Jesus and therefore helpful for our own understanding of resisting temptation? See Hebrews 4:15.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

What lessons do you glean about Satan's methods and our strategy for resisting temptation:

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Matthew 4:12-25 Launching the Ministry

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. About a year has passed between the temptations of vss. 1-11 to this time. Why does Jesus move and where does He now make His home?
2. Jesus now begins His greater Galilean ministry. What did Isaiah prophecy about this?
3. What was Jesus' one key message as He began preaching? (The word "kingdom" appears fifty-five times in Matthew, usually referring to the kingdom of heaven).
4. What does Daniel 7 say about God's kingdom? Do you think there is any connection between the kingdom Christ preached and the kingdom in Daniel 7?
5. Whom did Jesus call at this point to accompany Him? Why would Jesus call fishermen to become His disciples?
6. What did Jesus promise to make them in verse 19? What would that involve?
7. Where did Jesus go to preach the gospel? Why?
8. What did Jesus' ministry include besides preaching? How did these activities fulfill prophecy about the kingdom? See Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:5; 42:6-9; 61:1.

9. What kind of response did Jesus receive from the people at this point?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What do you learn about being a disciple or follower of Christ so far in Matthew? What demands does Jesus make on your life?

2. In what sense does Jesus call you to be a fisher of men? How do you fish for men?

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### Study #8



Matthew 5:1-20 Kingdom People

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why, where, and to whom does Jesus teach the material that makes up the next three chapters?

2. Jesus describes people who are part of His kingdom in what are called the Beatitudes.

How Jesus describes His people	What this means spiritually	What Jesus promises
Vs. 3		
Vs. 4		
Vs. 5		
Vs. 6		
Vs. 7		
Vs. 8		
Vs. 9		
Vs. 10		
Vss. 11-12		

3. Explain the two metaphors Jesus uses of these people He has just described:

The metaphors:	The purpose/influence of each:	The warnings:

4. In verses 17-18, what is Jesus concerned that we understand? What does He mean about abolishing and fulfilling?
  
5. What place does God's word have in Jesus teaching (vs. 19)?
  
6. What is the connection between the law of vs. 19 and the righteousness of vs. 20?
  
7. In what sense does our righteousness need to surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. List the spiritual qualities of the beatitudes and their opposites.


2. These qualities are the marks of God's Spirit in the believer's heart/life. How can we nurture and encourage them in our own lives as well as in other's lives?



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Matthew 5:21-37 Heart Righteousness

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Note the repeated phrase in this section: “You have heard...but I say to you.” Jesus is not contrasting what Moses taught with what He is teaching (in view of vss. 17-19). Whose teaching is He refuting? How does Jesus’ teaching differ?

2. Each section has basically three parts. Fill in the chart.

Subject	You have heard...	But I say to you...	Practical application
21-26 Anger			
27-30 Lust/Adultery			
31-32 Divorce			
33-37 Oaths/Swearing			

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE – What is God telling you about each of these areas of your life?

1. Anger –
2. Lust –
3. Divorce –
4. Oaths/Swearing –

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### Study #10



Matthew 5:38-48 Turned Cheeks and Second Miles

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Let's continue filling in the chart from last study.

Subject	Your have heard...	But I say to you...	Practical application
38-42 Revenge			
43-48 Enemies			

2. Jesus teaches extreme measures in verses 38-42. Are we to take His words literally? Explain how we are to obey these directions:

“Turn to him the other (cheek) also” –
“Let him have your coat also” –
“Go with him two” –
“Give to him who asks you” –

3. What does Luke 6:27-28 add to how we are to respond to our enemies (vs. 44)?

4. How does God treat His enemies? Why does Jesus use this comparison for us?

5. What does Jesus mean when he says, “That you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven?”
  
6. How are God’s people to be different than unbelievers according to vss. 46-47?
  
7. In what sense are believers to be perfect (vs. 48)?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being most biblical), how do you respond to people who do evil things to you?
  
2. How do you define an “enemy” in your life? Why is it so hard to love your enemies?
  
3. What thoughts will help you to treat them the way Christ commands in this section?

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Matthew 6:1-15 Don't Be a Religious Showoff

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why does Jesus warn us against doing religious things to be seen by other people? Do you ever feel compelled to tell others about your spiritual practices? Why?

2. What is a hypocrite?

3. How do hypocrites give?	How are God's people to give?
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4. What does Jesus mean about not letting your left hand know what your right hand is doing?

5. How do hypocrites pray?	How are God's people to pray?
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6. How do Gentiles pray? What do they think they are accomplishing?

7. Why do God's people not need to do what the Gentiles do?

8. Put the Lord's prayer (disciples' prayer) into your own paraphrase in the form of a prayer.

Our Father who is in heaven,	
Hallowed be Your name.	
Your kingdom come.	
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	

Give us this day our daily bread.	
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.	
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.	

9. What part of this prayer does Jesus elaborate on? Why? (Check out Matt. 5:23).

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. How do you handle it when no one notices or applauds your spiritual deeds? What does Jesus promise in this passage?
2. How about using the Lord's prayer as a pattern to guide your prayer life over the next week?

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### Study #12



Matthew 6:16-24 Best Investments

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What is the purpose of fasting? How may fasting be beneficial to your spiritual life?
  
2. What did the hypocrites do when they fasted? Why? Can you think of any religious practices today in which people tend to do this kind of thing?
  
3. What does Jesus want us to do when we fast?
  
4. What tends to happen with earthly treasures? What influences today act like moths, rust, and thieves on our earthly goods?
  
5. Why does Jesus urge making heavenly investments? How do you do this? What benefits are there?

Why?	How?	Benefits?

6. What is a person's "treasure"? What does your "treasure" reveal about you?
  
7. How does having a "clear" eye or a "bad" eye relate to the context of treasures and masters?
  
8. Why can you not serve the two masters of vs. 24? How should that understanding affect your life?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. While you may or may not fast, list practical ways you practice self-control and self-denial to benefit your walk with Christ:

2. What are some of the practical evidences revealing who a person's true master is:

God	Mammon

3. What are the evidences in your life that reveal who your true master is?



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Matthew 6:25-34 How to Conquer Worry

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. In view of the truth of vs. 24, what is the root problem with people who worry about material things?

2. Fill in the chart for verses 26 to 31 to grasp Jesus' teaching on conquering worry

The illustration	The question	Apply it
26		
27		
28		
29		
30		
31		

3. According to vs. 32, what kind of people spend their lives pursuing and worrying about all these earthly things? Why do believers have no reason for these concerns?

4. Jesus gives us the key "put on" to replace ("put off") worry and anxiety in vs. 33. What is it and what does that mean in your life?

5. According to vs. 34, why is worry a focus of concern upon the wrong day? What control do you have over tomorrow? How does God want you to handle today?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What is the difference between worrying about the future and planning for the future?
2. What does James 4:13-17 teach you about planning for your future?
3. How does personal discipline, scheduling your day, managing your daily time, and daily pursuing God's priorities regardless of your feelings remove any cause for worry? What practical changes could you make in these areas to please God?

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### Study #14



Matthew 7:1-12 How to Respond to Others

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What kind of judging of others is Jesus talking about in verses 1 and 2? What is the difference between judging and making necessary evaluations of other people's character?
2. What does Jesus warn us about when we make judgments on other people?
3. When we judge someone else, what are they usually very aware of according to vss. 3-4?
4. What must we be willing to do first before we try to help someone else with their problem?
5. Even when we are prepared to help someone else with their problem, what kind of attitude and approach is needed to get a speck out of someone's eye? What would be a wrong approach?
6. What other passages of Scripture would give direction in helping others deal with sin problems?
7. Give examples of when Jesus or the apostles turned away from giving people the gospel (vs. 6). How might this apply today?
8. What do verses 7-8 teach you about your responsibility in prayer? What does God promise?
9. How does Jesus illustrate the fact that God is ready and willing to answer our prayers?

10. How does the golden rule (vs. 12) fulfill the law and the prophets.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Rate yourself on how you respond to other people's sins and offenses  
Gentle and Caring 1      2      3      4      5 Harsh and critical
  
2. How do the truths of vss. 1-5 apply to parenting and marriage?

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Matthew 7:13-29 Two Gates, Two Roads, Two Destinies

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Contrast the two ways in vss. 13-14

	Leads to Destruction	Leads to Life
Gate		
Way		
People		

- Both gates appear to lead to heaven. What is so alluring about the wrong one? What is there about the right one that is difficult to swallow? How do you see these verses illustrated in our day?
- What is so deceptive about false prophets?
- How can you detect false prophets? Give examples.
- What is so shocking about Jesus' statements in vss. 21-23.
- Explain the difference between doing the will of God (vs. 21) and doing religious works (vs. 22).

7. What is the same and what is the difference between the two houses in vss. 24-27

Facts about the houses	First house (vs. 24-25)	Second house (vss. 26-27)
The builder		
The foundation		
The circumstances		
The consequences		

8. What was it about Jesus' teaching that amazed the people?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. How does this important passage challenge your relationship with God?
2. What is your response to Jesus teaching? Boring...factual...interesting...amazing...compelling?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to renew your submission to Jesus' authority?

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### Study #16



Matthew 8:1-17 – Christ’s Power over Disease

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. How does Jesus demonstrate his deity in each of these cases?

	The leper vss. 1-4	The centurion vss. 5-13	The mother-in-law vss. 14-15	The many Vss. 16-17
What is the need?				
How is Jesus approached?				
What does Jesus do and say?				
What is the result of Jesus words and actions?				
What does this miracle reveal about Jesus?				

2. Why did Jesus send the healed leper to the priest?

3. Why was Jesus so impressed with the centurion’s faith?

4. What is so striking about Jesus’ statement about the kingdom and outer darkness in vss. 11-12?

5. How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah 53:4?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What meaning do these healings performed far away and long ago have in your life today?

2. What lessons of faith do you learn about from the responses of these people to Christ?



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Matthew 8:18-34 Jesus' Universal Authority

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

##### 1. Authority over men – vss. 18-22

	A certain scribe	Another disciple
The person's statement to Jesus		
Jesus response		
What did Jesus mean?		

##### 2. Authority over the elements – vss. 23-27

The problem	
The disciples' concern	
Jesus' comment	
The miracle	
The disciples' response	

##### 3. Authority over the spirit realm – vss. 28-34

The human condition	
The demons' reaction to Christ	
Jesus' power over the demons	

The town people's request	
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**QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE**

Think of a personal application for your life from each of these displays of Christ's power

Discipleship	
Weather	
Demons	

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### Study #18



Matthew 9:1-17 Power to Forgive

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Which city did Jesus come to that He considered His own?

2. What did Jesus see in the crew that was carrying the paralytic person to Him?

What did they criticize?	How did He handle it?	What do you learn for your life?
Vss. 1-8		

3. What did Jesus' healing the paralytic prove to the crowd?

4. Why would Christ call a man like Matthew to follow Him?

5. What apparently did Matthew do for Christ as soon as he began following Christ (vs. 10)?

What did they criticize?	How did He handle it?	What do you learn for your life?
Vss. 9-12		

6. Which group brought the third criticism in this passage?

What did they criticize?	How did He handle it?	What do you learn for your life?
Vss. 13-17		

7. How does the illustration of the cloth and the wineskin fit into this context?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

In what ways are the following people examples to your own life:

The friends of the paralytic –	
Matthew –	
Jesus attending a dinner with lost people –	

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### Study #19



Matthew 9:18-38 A Man of Compassion

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

##### 1. Fill in the chart

	Synagogue official	Woman with 12 year hemorrhage	Two blind men	Demon-possessed man
How did they come to Jesus?				
Why did they come to Jesus?				
What did Jesus do?				
What were the results?				
What strikes you as especially interesting?				

2. What was the Pharisees' accusation (vs. 34)? Why would they say this?
  
3. Describe exactly what Jesus felt when it says "He felt compassion for them." (vs. 36)
  
4. How did Jesus see the multitudes when he looked at them?
  
5. What was His solution to their need?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What are several wrong, worldly ways of looking at or thinking about the masses of people in the world?
2. What does God want you to see and think about when you see the multitudes?
3. Christ said we should pray for kingdom workers. In what ways are you a kingdom worker right now? What could you begin to do to be a part of the answer to the prayer of vs. 38?

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Matthew 10:1-23 Jesus' Men

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What did Jesus give his men authority to do?

2. Briefly jot down what you know about each of Jesus' twelve disciples:

Simon –	Thomas -
Andrew –	Matthew -
James (Zebedee) –	James (Alphaeus) -
John –	Thaddeus -
Philip –	Simon Zealot -
Bartholomew –	Judas -

3. To which group of people did Jesus send them? Where were they not to go? Why?

4. Where were they to stay?

5. What were they to do if the people of an area would not receive or listen to them?

6. What does vs. 15 teach you about judgment?

7. What does Jesus prepare them to expect as they go out (vs. 16)?

8. What does it mean to be...

Shrewd as serpents?

Innocent as doves?

9. What does Christ promise them when they are brought into court for their testimony?
10. How were they to handle persecution (vss. 22-23)?
11. What hints do you see in verses 21-23 that Christ is speaking not only of the present time but also of the future tribulation period?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. List three qualifications that Christ looked for in choosing His apostles.
2. What do you learn about preaching the gospel in vss. 5-15?
3. What single most important character quality do you need as you set out to serve Jesus Christ in a hostile world? (see vss. 21-23 and James 1:2-4).



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### Study #21



Matthew 10:24-42 Don't Expect a Bed of Roses

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

Jesus gives counsel to us as His disciples whom He has sent out into this world of wolves (vs. 16). Express each point in His message in your own words and then give a practical example of how this applies to you:

In your own words -	Practical application -
Vss. 24-25	
Vss. 26-27	
Vs. 28	
Vss. 29-31	
Vss. 32-33	
Vss. 34-36	
Vss. 37-39	
Vss. 40-42	

QUESTION FOR YOUR LIFE – What attitudes and expectations does Christ want us to have as we serve Him in this world of wolves?

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### Study #22



Matthew 11 The Controversy Begins

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why would John question whether Jesus truly was the Messiah?

2. How does Jesus respond to the question?

3. How does Jesus describe John and his place in God's redemptive plan?

4. In what ways were Jesus' and John's ministries different?

JOHN -

JESUS -

5. Explain what Jesus means in

Vs. 11 about kingdom citizens being greater than John -
Vs. 12 about violent men taking the kingdom by force -

6. What is Jesus saying about the response of "this generation" in vss. 16-19?

7. Based on Jesus' words of reproach in vss. 20-24, what do you learn about:

The value and purpose of miracles -
The nature of judgment -

8. How do vss. 25-27 teach the sovereignty of God over the soul?
  
9. What kind of people does Jesus invite to Himself? Why these?
  
10. What does He promise those who come?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What do you learn about the solution to discouragement from John the Baptist in this section?
  
2. How does God's sovereignty encourage you in your efforts to bring people to Christ?
  
3. Think of the burdens and weights on people's hearts. What are they? In what sense is Christ's yoke easy and His load light in your life? How can you share this good news with others?

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Matthew 12:1-29 The Sabbath Controversy

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What is the Pharisees' problem?

2. How does Jesus defend his disciples actions?

3. In your own words what truths is Christ teaching in these verses:

Vss. 3-4 –
Vss. 5-6
Vss. 7, 11
Mark 2:27
Vs. 8
Vs. 12

4. What was Jesus' response and attitude when He discovered that the Pharisees were plotting to destroy Him?

5. Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub?

6. Jesus had two responses to the Pharisees' charge. What were they?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  
7. What did Jesus mean in vss. 28-29? How is this passage misused in our day?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Discover the history of the Sabbath from the Old Testament.
  
2. How had the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus day perverted it?
  
3. What is the meaning of the Sabbath for the church today?

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Matthew 12:30-50 Warnings About Judgment

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What prompts Jesus to make His statement about the unpardonable sin?
2. What is the unpardonable sin? Can it be committed today?
3. How does Jesus refer to His listeners in vs. 34? Why does He use this language?
4. What is the connection between our words and our hearts (vss. 33-36)?
5. What does Jesus mean in verse 37 about being justified or being condemned?
6. What kind of people crave signs? Why?
7. How does the sign of Jonah relate to Christ?
8. Why will the men of Nineveh and the Queen of the South condemn the generation of Jesus' day?
9. How does the story about the man with the unclean spirit illustrate the people of Jesus' day?  
How can you apply this today?

10. What does Jesus' response to the news that His family was wanting to talk to Him tell you about being a disciple of Christ?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. How would you counsel someone who told you they feared they had committed the unpardonable sin?
2. What qualifies as a careless word (see vs. 36)? What words or expressions do you use that may not be pleasing to Christ?
3. What do you learn from the Queen of the South for your life?



# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #25



Matthew 13:1-23 A Story About God's Kingdom

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Where and to whom does Jesus now go to speak in parables?
  
2. How many parables are in chapter 13?
  
3. What is a parable?
  
4. What rules of interpretation do we need in seeking to understand parables?

<b>5. The Parable of the Sower – vss. 3-9</b>	<b>6. The Meaning – vss. 18-23</b>
Vs. 3	Vs. 18
Vs. 4	Vs. 19
Vss. 5-6	Vs. 20-21
Vs. 7	Vs. 22
Vs. 8	Vs. 23
Vs. 9	

7. Why did Jesus speak in parables?  
Vss. 10-13 –

Vss. 14-15 –

Vss. 16-17 –

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Which soil best represents your heart?

2. How does this parable help you understand the work of evangelism?

# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #26



Matthew 13:24-58 More Stories about God's Kingdom

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

OBSERVATIONS	MEANINGS
1. The Wheat and Tares – vss. 24-30	See vss. 36-43
2. The Mustard Seed – vss. 31-32	
3. The Leaven – vs. 33	
4. The Hidden Treasure – vs. 44	
5. The Costly Pearl – vss. 45-46	
6. The Dragnet – vss. 47-51	

7. Why did Jesus' hometown people take offense at Him? How did their attitude affect His ministry among them?



# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #27



Matthew 14 Jesus Proves His Deity

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Give titles to the following sections of this chapter and list any truths the section teaches about Jesus Christ:

Section	Title	Truths about Christ:
Vss. 1-12		
Vss. 13-21		
Vss. 22-33		
Vss. 34-36		

2. From vss. 1-12, what do you learn about:

Herod -	Herodias -
John -	Herodias' daughter -

3. Why did Jesus withdraw to a lonely place? With that in mind, how does He respond to the multitude that followed Him? What did the disciples learn about Jesus that day?

4. Where was Jesus while His disciples were in the boat? What aspect of Christ's present ministry does this illustrate?

5. What did Peter learn from his attempt to walk on water that day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does Jesus ministry in Gennesaret contrast with His ministry in Nazareth (13:58)?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Which person in this chapter besides Jesus teaches you the most for your walk with God? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Vss. 33 is the first time the gospels relate the disciples worshiping Jesus. What do you learn about worship from this?

# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #28



Matthew 15 Jesus Exposes Men's Hearts

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

- **Jesus offends the Pharisees – vss. 1-14**
  1. What was the Pharisees' charge against the disciples?
  
  2. What did Jesus accuse them of?
  
  3. How did Jesus' respond to the that He had offended the Pharisees?
  
- **Defilement comes from the heart – vss. 15-20**
  4. What was Christ's view of man's heart? What other verses give us insight into man's heart?
  
- **A Gentile mother of great faith – vss. 21-28**
  5. Contrast this Canaanite woman's response to Jesus with the previous Pharisees.
  
  6. Why did Jesus ignore her at first?
  
  7. Why did Jesus so highly commend her faith?
  
- **Another preview of the coming kingdom – vss. 29-31**
  8. What was Jesus proving in these healings?
  
  9. What was the people's response?

- **Another feeding of the multitudes – vs. 32-39**

10. Why does Jesus want to feed these four thousand men plus their families?

11. Why did the disciples ask this question in vs. 33 right after seeing Jesus feed the multitudes in chapter 14?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. In what ways have churches in our times invalidated the Word of God for the sake of human tradition?

2. What do you learn about Christ's character and ministry methods in this chapter?



# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #29



Matthew 16 – The Great Confession

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

##### TESTING AND LEAVEN

1. What was motivating the Pharisees and Sadducees question in verse 1?
2. How does Jesus respond to their question? What does He mean by “the signs of the times?”
3. What are the two problems the disciples are having in vss. 7-12? What do you learn about spiritual discernment from Jesus’ reproving the disciples?

##### A STRONG CONFESSION

4. Why would people say Jesus was John the Baptist? Elijah? Jeremiah? One of the prophets?
5. To what does Jesus attribute Peter’s knowledge of Jesus’ true identity?
6. What is the promise of vs. 18?
7. What are the keys of vs. 19 speaking of? How does Roman Catholicism interpret these keys?

##### A BELIEVER ACTS LIKE SATAN

8. Why does Peter rebuke Jesus?

9. Explain three issues in vs. 23

Get behind Me, Satan!	You are a stumbling block to Me.	You are not setting your mind on God’s business but man’s.
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#### FOLLOWING CHRIST – PROFITS AND LOSSES

10. What does Jesus mean by denying self and taking up one's cross – vs. 24?

11. What reason does Jesus give that makes this so important in vs. 25-26?

12. Why does Jesus remind the disciples of His future coming and judgment at this point?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. The disciples quickly forgot about the bread. What testimonies of God providing for you can you recall right now? Why is it important to remember these things?

2. How do self-denial and cross taking demonstrate true faith? How do we practice this today?

# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #30



Matthew 17 A Preview of Christ's Glory

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why did Jesus choose just these three disciples to accompany Him to the mountain?
2. What does the word "transfigured" mean? What was God's purpose in this event? What insight does 2 Peter 1:16-19 provide?
3. Who appears along with Jesus during the transfiguration? Why these two people? According to Luke 9:31, what were they discussing?
4. What did Peter suggest? What was he thinking?
5. What point was God the Father making in His message in vs. 5?
6. What's the deal with Elijah? Has he come or is he still coming? See Malachi 4:5-6 for help.
7. What was the condition of the son? Why were the disciples unable to cure him?
8. What does Jesus mean by mustard seed size faith that is able to move mountains?
9. What was the purpose of the two-drachma tax? What was Jesus teaching Peter in His question about who should pay it and then where Peter would find the money to pay it?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

If you had been Peter, what would you have learned for your life from...

- The transfiguration -
  
- The troubled son -
  
- The money in the fish's mouth -

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #31



Matthew 18:1-20 If Your Brother Sins Against You

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What was the disciples' question? Why would they even ask this?
2. Why would Jesus answer come as a shock to these twelve men?
3. What are stumbling blocks? How can a hand or eye be a stumbling block?
4. What could Jesus possibly mean by cutting off a hand or ripping out an eye?
5. What attitude toward childlike believers does Jesus condemn? How strongly does He condemn this attitude? Why?
6. How does Jesus picture God's love and care for His people?
7. How does the story of the sheep connect with the teaching about church discipline in vss. 15-20?
8. What does Christ call you to do if your brother sins (Matt. 18:15-17)?

Step #1 –

Step #2 –

Step #3 –

Step #4 –

9. How are we to treat those who refuse to respond to every effort to restore a brother?

10. How do these references add to our understanding of church discipline?

Matthew 5:23-24
1 Corinthians 5:9-13
Galatians 6:1
2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

11. How do Christ's comments about binding and loosing and the gathering of two or three in His name relate to this context of church discipline?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Why is seeking to restore a straying fellow Christian so difficult?

2. Why is the process of church discipline a loving ministry of the church? How can it be abused?

# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #32



Matthew 18:21-35 The High Calling of Forgiveness

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. How far did Peter think would be reasonable to go in forgiving an offender?
2. How does Jesus shock him in vs. 22? Should we take Jesus literally?

	Vss. 23-27	Vss. 28-30
Who is the creditor?		
Who is the debtor?		
How much is the debt?		
What does the creditor require?		
How does the slave respond?		
How does the creditor respond?		

3. What did the fellow slaves feel and do when they witnessed the actions of the creditor slave?
4. How did the king treat the creditor slave?
5. What spiritual application does Christ draw from this story?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Why is an unforgiving spirit so absurd and obnoxious for Christians?
2. How do you deal with the sin of bitterness and resentment toward others who have offended you?
3. What can you expect from God if you refuse to extend forgiveness to those who ask for it?

\*Eight foundational elements of a biblical doctrine of forgiveness:

The command forbidding murder includes anger and an unforgiving spirit.
If God forgives His offenders, surely we should forgive our offenders.
Failing to forgive destroys our walk with God and puts us in danger of His chastening.
Believers who are unforgiving and bitter do not enjoy the fellowship of fellow believers.
By refusing to forgive others and seeking our own revenge, we usurp God's authority.
An unforgiving spirit destroys our capacity for worship.
The injuries and offenses of others are trials God uses to produce strength and patience.
Believers should have a forgiving heart even if forgiveness is not sought by offenders.

\*Adapted from John MacArthur's Commentary on Philemon



# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #33



Matthew 19:1-15 Jesus on the Divorce Issue

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. To what area does Jesus now move to continue His public ministry?
2. Why do the Pharisees ask Jesus this "test" question (vs. 3)?
3. What is Jesus' very first response to their question in vs. 4? Why does He ask them this?
4. To what two Old Testament references does Jesus turn for answers in vss. 4-5? What does this say about Jesus' view of Scripture?
5. Notice how Jesus reasons from the Scriptures in vs. 6. What conclusions does He draw? What takes place at every "normal" wedding?
6. Again, what was driving the Pharisees' question in vs. 7? What are they looking for?
7. Why did Moses permit divorce (vs. 8)? What is Jesus comment about this permission?
8. What is Christ's clear teaching about divorce and remarriage in vs. 9?
9. What does "except for immorality" mean? [Notice the different words used in this verse - immorality (porneia) and adultery (moicheia)]. This is the famous "exception" clause.

10. How did the disciples interpret Jesus' words about marriage and divorce?

11. How does Jesus respond to the idea that "it is better not to marry?"

12. How does Jesus' treatment of children relate to the immediate context?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. While we may still have questions about whether divorce and remarriage is ever legitimate, what clear and certain principles about marriage do you find in this passage?

2. What other key passages in the New Testament deal with this issue of divorce and remarriage?

3. See if you can find the divorce rate difference for 1950 as compared to today.

4. What reasons lie behind the 50% divorce rate in our day?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #34



Matthew 19:16-30 Can Rich People Be Saved?

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What do we know about this person who asked Jesus about eternal life? See Mark 10:17-27 for more information.
2. What word in the person's question does Jesus use to bring conviction to his heart (vss. 16-17)? What does Jesus say about this word?
3. What does Jesus tell this person to do if he wants to enter into life? Why does Jesus take this approach in evangelizing the person?
4. What is the person's response to Jesus' answer in vs. 20? What does he not understand about his own heart before God?
5. What heart issue is Jesus seeking to expose as He counsels the person in vs. 21?
6. How does the person's response in vs. 22 demonstrate his problem?
7. Why is it hard for a rich person to enter heaven? How does a camel and needle's eye help?
8. How do the disciples respond to Christ's comments about rich people and the kingdom of God?
9. Indeed, how are rich people saved, according to Christ in vs. 26?

10. How does Christ encourage His disciples in vss. 27-28?

11. What can people who forsake everything, including themselves, expect from Christ? How is this demonstrated even in this life? (see Mark 10:30).

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What would you say is the difference between Jesus' kind of evangelism and much that passes for evangelism today? See MacArthur's *The Gospel According to Jesus*, chapter 6, "He Challenges an Eager Seeker" for an analysis of this passage.

2. How does vs. 26 encourage you in your desires to see others come to Christ?

# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #35



Matthew 20 The Doctrine of Grace in God's Kingdom

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What agreement did the landowner make with the workers he hired early in the morning?
2. How many other sets of workers did he hire? What agreement did he make with them?
3. At the end of the day, how much did the landowner's foreman pay each of the men? In what order did the landowner want them to be paid? Why?
4. What did the ones who were hired first think in their hearts? Why did they think this?
5. What was their reaction when they finally got paid (vss. 11-12)?
6. What point does the landowner make in vss. 13-15?
7. Now, why did Jesus tell this story? What does He mean in vs. 16? What does this story reveal about grace and the human heart?

8. Note how Jesus keeps revealing more details about His coming death and resurrection:

Matt. 16:21	Matt. 17:22-23	Matt. 20:17-19

9. What does this mother want for her sons (vss. 20-21). Is this not just like a mother?

10. What is the cup Jesus says they will have to drink?
  
11. Who will determine where everyone will sit in the kingdom?
  
12. Why do the other ten disciples get all upset with James and John (vs. 24)?
  
13. How is greatness defined among the rulers of this world? How do you become great in Christ's kingdom?
  
14. How does Jesus' response to these two blind fellows differ from the attitude of the crowd?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What do you learn about God's grace in the story of the vineyard? In what ways are you like those workers hired at the beginning of the day?
  
2. Why is the lust to be noticed and important in the church so wrong? According to this chapter, what does it mean to be like Christ? What kind of attitude will you be developing?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #36



Matthew 21:1-27 The Last Week Begins

There is something peculiarly striking in this incident in our Lord's history. The narrative reads like the account of some royal conqueror's return to his own city.... Our Lord knew well that the time of His earthly ministry was drawing to a close. He knew that the hour was approaching when He must finish the mighty work He came to do, by dying for our sins upon the cross. He knew that His last journey had been accomplished, and that there remained nothing now in His earthly ministry, but to be offered as a sacrifice on Calvary. Knowing all this, he no longer, as in time past, sought secrecy. Knowing all this, he thought it good to enter the place where He was to be delivered to death, with peculiar solemnity and publicity. It was not fitting that the Lamb of God should come to be slain on Calvary privately and silently. Before the great sacrifice for the sins of the world was offered up, it was right that every eye should be fixed on the victim. (J. C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts)

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. From which direction and locations does Jesus now approach Jerusalem? Locate them on a map.
2. Why did He send two disciples to get a donkey and a colt (vss. 2-7)?
3. How does the Old Testament reference in vs. 5 affirm the idea that we should take biblical prophecies literally?
4. What does this triumphal entry tell you about Israel's Messiah? What was the atmosphere in Jerusalem at this time (see vss. 8-11)?
5. What two things did Jesus do when He came into the temple?
6. How did the religious leaders react to all of this? What was Jesus' response?
7. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree? What significance does this have at this time in Christ's life?
8. What does Isaiah 5:1-7 teach regarding God and Israel?

9. What could Christ possibly mean about a faith that can throw mountains into the sea?
10. What issue do the chief priests and elders challenge Jesus about?
11. Explain Jesus' question to them about John the Baptist's baptism:
12. Why did Jesus refuse to tell them by what authority He was doing these things?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

From the four key incidents in this passage, jot down a very practical, helpful principle or truth that you learn for your own life:

1. The triumphal entry (vss. 1-11) –
2. The cleansing of the temple (vss. 12-17) –
3. The cursing of the fig tree (vss. 18-22) –
4. The challenge to Christ's authority (vss. 23-27) -



# Gospel of Matthew

## The King of Calvary

### Study #37



Matthew 21:28-46 Christ Rebukes the Religious Leaders

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why did Jesus tell the story about the two sons?
2. How does Proverbs 26:4 relate to how Jesus deals with these religious leaders?
3. Identify the characters in the parable of the Landowner:
  - 1) Who is the Landowner?
  - 2) Who are the vine-growers?
  - 3) Who are the first group of slaves?
  - 4) Who are the second group of slaves?
  - 5) Who is the son?
4. What were the vine-growers thinking when they saw the son?
5. How did the Jewish leaders answer Christ's question at the end of the story?
6. What is the source of the reference about the rejected stone? How does Christ apply it to these people?

7. What does vs. 44 mean?

8. How did the leaders react when they realized these parables were about them?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Israel was a privileged nation. In what ways are we in America especially privileged by God?

2. How do Americans abuse these privileges?

3. What sins cause people to react to God's message like the leaders in vss. 45-46? What does Romans 2:4-5 say about this kind of reaction to God's truth?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #38



Matthew 22:1-22 A Wedding and Taxes

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why does Jesus use a story about a wedding feast to teach about the kingdom of God?
2. To whom were the first group of slaves sent? How did these people respond?
3. What message did the king give the slaves to deliver the second time they called these people? What meaning does vs. 4 have relative to God's plan for Israel?
4. How did these people respond this time? (vss. 5-6)
5. What historical event does Christ describe in vs. 7?
6. So now who does the King send the slaves to invite to the feast?
7. There is an interesting twist in vss. 11-13. What is this fellow's problem? When asked about it, how does he respond? What is the end of him?
8. What is the difference between being called and chosen (vs. 14)?
9. After studying this parable, how would you describe this king?
10. Who now gangs up on Christ? What are they trying to do?

11. Vs. 16 gives an excellent description of a godly teacher. What qualities are mentioned?

12. How do they expect Jesus to answer to their question about paying taxes to Caesar?

13. What does Jesus know about them?

14. What great principle does Jesus express in vs. 21? How does this apply today?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What does that wedding garment in vs. 11 represent? How can you be sure you have it on?
2. What questions do Christians have regarding the state and Christianity? How does the principle Jesus gave in vs. 21 help?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #39



Matthew 22:23-46 Christ Has the Answers!

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

##### **Sadducees on the Resurrection**

1. What did the Sadducees believe (or not believe)?
2. Why did they think they had Christ stumped with their question?
3. Jesus' answer is masterful. In what two ways did He tell them they were mistaken?
4. What about married people in heaven?
5. What about the resurrection?
6. Why were the multitudes astonished?

##### **Pharisees on the Great Commandment**

7. Why did the Pharisees put a lawyer forward to question Jesus? What did he ask?
8. What is Jesus' answer to this Mosaic expert?
9. Why can you not use vs. 39 to teach people that God wants them to learn to love themselves?

**Jesus on the Son of David**

10. How do the Pharisees answer Jesus' question about the genealogy of the Messiah?
11. What is there about Jesus' second question that silenced these Pharisees for good?

**QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE**

1. In what ways are the Sadducees a reflection of modern religious liberals?
2. What do you learn from Christ about answering critics of Christianity?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #40



Matthew 23 Christ Rips the Religious Hypocrites

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What does Christ instruct the multitudes to do with the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees?
  
2. List the hypocritical behaviors Jesus pinpoints in vss. 4-7 -
  
3. What three things does Christ tell us not to do in vss. 8-10? What is His reason in vss. 11-12?
  
4. In vss. 13-31 Christ utters eight "woes" against the religious hypocrites. Identify each one and then explain any correction Christ might give:

THE WOE	CHRIST'S CORRECTION
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	
#5	
#6	
#7	
#8	

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5. In vss. 32-36, how does Christ describe these people and what does He tell them they will do? Did they do this?
6. What judgment and promise does Christ direct toward Israel in vss. 37-39?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE -

1. What wrong views of Christ does this chapter correct?
2. How does Christ's message increase your respect and love for your Savior?



# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #41



Matthew 24:1-28

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. The next two chapters are known as the Olivet Discourse. Why?
2. How does Jesus respond to the disciples' desire to show Him the temple buildings (vss. 1-2)?
3. What three questions do the disciples ask Jesus in vs. 3?
4. What is the very first thing Jesus warns them of (vss. 4-5)? Why?
5. How does Christ describe the beginning of birth pangs? What does the analogy of "birth pangs" indicate?
6. List the characteristics of the end times as Jesus describes them in vss. 9-14. Do you think these things have already been fulfilled? Explain your answer.
7. According to Daniel 9:27, when will the abomination of desolation will take place.
8. What does Jesus urge people to do at this time (vss. 16-20)? Which people is He referring to?
9. According to vs. 21, how does Jesus describe this "great tribulation?"

10. What does Jesus mean by these days being "cut short"?
  
11. What would happen if those days are not cut short?
  
12. What will be the religious "climate" of those days according to vss. 23-24?
  
13. What does Jesus warn these people about in vss. 25-28? How will they know when Christ is coming back?
  
14. What could vs. 28 possibly mean? (Check out Revelation 19:21).

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. On another piece of paper, draw a time line of your understanding of the end times?
  
2. What spiritual principles do you learn from this section of Scripture to apply in your own life?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #42



Matthew 24:29-51

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. What tribulation period is Jesus talking about in vs. 29?
  
2. What does the word "immediately" in vs. 29 indicate about Christ's return?
  
3. What will appear in the sky? How does Jesus describe this appearance in vs. 30?
  
4. What will be the response of people on earth?
  
5. Compare this description of the second coming of Christ with the following passages (similarities, differences, people involved, etc.):

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Revelation 1:7	Revelation 19:11-21

6. How does Jesus use the fig tree to teach about the end times (vss. 32-33)?
  
7. Verses 34-25 have been difficult to understand. How do Jeremiah 33:25-26 help us to understand "this generation will not pass away" and "heaven and earth will pass away?"
  
8. To what does Christ compare the coming of the Lord in vss. 37-39?

9. In vss. 40-41, which is taken away, the saved people or the lost people?

10. When will the Son of Man come according to vss. 42-44?

11. Who will be blessed? How?

12. Who will be cursed? How?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What does this passage tell you about the sovereignty and power of Christ?

2. What does this passage teach you about the certainty of Christ's return?

3. What does the passage teach you about the timing of Christ's return?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #43



Matthew 25:1-30 End-Time Parables

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

#### **THE TEN VIRGINS - vss. 1-13**

1. What were the ten virgins preparing for?

2. Describe the two groups (in vss. 1-5):

The Prudent Virgins	The Foolish Virgins

3. What happened at midnight?

4. What did the prudent virgins have to tell the foolish ones?

5. What happened while the foolish virgins were gone? What did they hear on their return?

6. How does Christ apply this (vs. 13)?

#### **THE ENTRUSTING OF TALENTS - vss. 14-30**

7. In what way did the master distribute his possessions (vss. 14-15)? What does this teach us about our responsibilities?

8. How do the first two slaves handle their entrusted talents different from the third (vss. 16-18)?

The first two slaves - \_\_\_\_\_

The third slave - \_\_\_\_\_

9. What did the master call for upon his return (vs. 19)? Do you see a lesson here?

10. Describe what happens next:

	Slave's report	Master's response
Slave #1		
Slave #2		
Slave #3		

11. What does Jesus mean in vss. 29-30?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE - What do these two stories mean for you as you think about your relationship with Christ?

# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #44



Matthew 25:31-46

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

##### **The Awesome Splendor of this Judgment - vs. 31**

1. List the three things accompanying Christ's judgment and their significance:


##### **The Subjects of this Judgment - vs. 32a**

2. Who will be judged at this time? How do you picture this happening?

##### **The Great Separation of this Judgment - vs. 32b -33**

3. To what is Christ compared?

4. What do the sheep and the goats represent?

##### **The Awful Contrast in this Judgment - vss. 34-45**

5. Summarize the contrast between the judgment on the sheep and the goats:

The Sheep	The Goats
34	41
35-36	42-43
37-39	44
40	45

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**The Eternal Consequences of this Judgment - vs. 46**

6. What does this verse teach about the eternal state?

**QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE**

1. How do you explain that this passage isn't talking about salvation by good works? How do people become sheep?
2. How does this passage contrast with the popular view of divine judgment today?



# Gospel of Matthew

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### Study #45



Matthew 26:1-35 The Passover Plot Begins

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. We now come to the final moments in Christ's earthly life. Only here does Matthew speak of Jesus as having "finished all these words." What significance does this phrase carry at this point?
2. What do you know about the Passover? How does Christ's crucifixion fulfill the Passover?
3. Describe the people, purpose, method, and caution described in vss. 3-4 -

People –
Purpose –
Method –
Caution –

4. Where and with whom does Jesus "hang out" in these last hours?
5. What caused the disciples to be upset? How does Christ respond? What do you learn from this?
6. What was Judas thinking (vss. 14-16)?
7. What did the disciples experience as they went to prepare for the Passover?
8. What grieved the disciples as they reclined with Jesus in the Upper Room?

9. How does Judas respond to Christ's words about his betrayal? What does this tell you about the human heart?

10. Christ institutes the Lord's Supper at this time. What does He teach about...

The bread –
The cup –

11. When will Christ drink the fruit of vine with His people again?

12. How did they conclude this special time together (vs. 30)?

13. What does Christ assure them of? How does Peter respond?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

What do you learn about Jesus, the religious leaders, Judas, the disciples, and Peter in this passage?

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### Study #46



Matthew 26:36-75 Arrested!

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

<p><b>In Gethsemane - vss. 36-46</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What human emotions is Jesus experiencing at this time?</li> <li>2. What is His request from the Father?</li> <li>3. How do we avoid entering into temptation?</li> </ol>	<p><b>What do you learn about:</b> Christ?</p> <p>The Disciples?</p>
<p><b>The Arrest - vss. 47-56</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. How did Judas betray Christ?</li> <li>5. Why did Jesus not allow the disciples to defend Him with weapons at this time?</li> <li>6. What does Jesus ask His opponents? Why?</li> </ol>	<p><b>What do you learn about:</b> Christ?</p> <p>The Disciples?</p>
<p><b>The Interrogation - vss. 57-68</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. What did Peter do while Christ was led to Caiaphas' house?</li> <li>8. With what is Christ accused?</li> <li>9. How did Jesus respond to the high priests question in vs. 63?</li> </ol>	<p><b>What do you learn about:</b> Christ?</p> <p>The Disciples?</p> <p>Unregenerate man?</p>

<p>10. How did the mob respond to Christ's claim to be the Son of God?</p>	
<p><b>The Denial - vss. 69-75</b>  10. How often did Peter deny knowing Christ? How strong was his denial?   12. What drove Peter to go out and weep bitterly?</p>	<p><b>What do you learn about:</b>  Peter?   Yourself?</p>

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE -

1. Which event in this chapter encourages you the most?
  
2. How would this passage be helpful to a person suffering mistreatment? Being tempted? Questioning God? Feeling guilt because he failed to honor Christ?

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### Study #47



Matthew 27:1-32 Who is Really on Trial Here?

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Who took counsel, when, against whom, and with what verdict (vss. 1-2)?
2. Explain Judas' actions here? How do the leaders respond to him (vss. 3-5)?
3. How do the actions of the chief priests in vss. 6-10 fulfill God's plan?
4. What amazed Pilate as he interrogated Jesus (vss. 11-14)?
5. What option does Pilate present to the multitude in vss. 15-21? What warning does his wife bring him?
6. What did the multitude shout over and over? Why?
7. How did Pilate try to avoid guilt in turning Christ over to be crucified?
8. What was involved in a Roman scourging?
9. What did the Roman soldiers do to Christ once he was delivered to be crucified? Do you think this was typical of how they treated condemned criminals?



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### Study #48



Matthew 27:33-66 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Why did they offer Christ wine mixed with gall? Why didn't He drink it (vs. 34)?
2. Look up crucifixion in a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia and find out what you can about this method the Romans used for execution.
3. In each of the following verses note briefly what happened during the crucifixion and any meaning you see in these actions:

WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?	WHAT IT MEANS?
Vs. 35-36 -	
Vs. 37 -	
Vs. 38 -	
Vs. 39-40 -	
Vss. 41-43 -	
Vs. 44-45	
Vs. 46 -	
Vss. 47-49 -	
Vs. 50 -	

Vs. 51 -	
Vss. 52-53 -	
Vs. 54 -	
Vs. 55-56 -	

4. Discover the seven sayings of Christ on the cross, using all four Gospels:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

5. Who buried Jesus' body? How did this fulfill prophecy?

6. What did the religious leaders ask Pilate to do? Why? Why was this futile?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. What do you see when you "survey the wondrous cross?" See Galatians 6:14 and 2:20.

2. Read Isaiah 53:4-12 to find out what was really happening during Jesus' ordeal on the cross.



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### Study #49



Matthew 28 Up From the Grave He Arose!

#### QUESTIONS FROM THE WORD

1. Who came to the grave, when, and why?
2. Who did they see when they got there? Where was he sitting?
3. What happened to the men who were supposed to watch over the tomb?
4. What message did these women hear in front of the open tomb? Break the message down into each wonderful part from vss. 5-7. There are nine thoughts. Jot down how each part is an encouragement or a reason for joy in your life:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.

5. Put yourself in these ladies' sandals in vss. 8-9. What would they have written in their journal for this day?

6. How did the Jews handle the problem of the missing body? How do people handle it today?

7. What was the response of these amazed disciples when they saw Jesus on that mountain?

8. List the key elements of the Great Commission left by Christ before His ascension:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. How important is the resurrection of Christ to your faith?

2. What evidences are there that He really did rise from the dead?

3. What is the mark of a disciple of Christ according to this Great Commission?