

Bible Study Notes and Questions on Matthew's Gospel

Introduction: This first gospel has not mentioned its author but evidence seems to show that Matthew (also called Levi) wrote this book. His name means "gift of God". He was an eyewitness to the entire ministry of Jesus Christ being called to be one of his twelve disciples (**Matthew 10:2-4**) leaving behind his job as a tax-collector for the Romans (**Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32**).

It is not known precisely when Matthew wrote this book, but his intention was to write this gospel for the Jewish people having used many quotations from the Old Testament. He produced material to prove Jesus Christ was the Messiah. His theme was very much the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Saviour and the coming King to rule over the kingdom of God which the Jewish people had expected to come. As seen in this gospel and the other three, Jesus Christ was rejected by the religious leaders. He was arrested, crucified and buried but he was raised again from the dead as seen by the evidence of his resurrection in all four gospels. The word "kingdom" is found over 50 times showing it was an important theme in Matthew's gospel.

Matthew appeared to be writing to newly converted Jewish believers to show them how to live as disciples, hence the reason for some teaching as in the Sermon on the Mount (**Chapters 5, 6, 7**), the commission of Jesus to his disciples (**Chapter 10**), the parables of the Kingdom (**Chapter 13**), community (**Chapter 18**) and the Olivet Discourse (**Chapter 24, 25**).

Summary Notes on Chapters and Questions

Please note in the questions below whilst the emphasis is on studying Matthew's gospel scriptural references from other books of the bible will be included to help understand what has been written in Matthew's gospel.

Section 1: Chapters 1-4.

The genealogy of Jesus Christ shows that he was Jewish (**1:1-17**).

The birth of Jesus Christ was revealed to Joseph (**1:18-25**).

The early childhood of Jesus Christ was in Bethlehem followed by a temporary period in Egypt before his return with Mary and Joseph to settle in Nazareth (**2:1-23**).

The ministry of John the Baptist leading to the baptism of Jesus (**3:1-17**).

The temptations of Jesus (**4:1-11**) followed by the beginning of his ministry in Galilee (**4:12-25**).

Q.1 Look carefully at who Jesus Christ was descended from in **1:1-17** and show why he was Jewish. Compare with **Luke 3:23-28** and consider why the genealogies are not the same. Can you see any Gentiles (Non-Jews) mentioned in the genealogies and why their names appear in the text? See also **Joshua 2:8-14 & Ruth 1:16-18**.

Q.2 Read carefully what was known of the character of Joseph in **1:18-25 & 2:13-23**. What lessons can we learn from Joseph's obedience to God?

Q.3 Read **1:18-25** again. What do we understand by the Virgin Birth and why it is such an important truth for the Christian? See also **Isaiah 7:14**.

Q.4 What does the name of "Jesus" mean? See **1:21, 25**.

Q.5 Show how God guided: **A)** The wise men in **2:1-12** and **B)** Joseph in **2:13-23**.

Q.6 Why did Herod want to kill Jesus? Read **2:1-8, 12-13, 16-18**.

Q.7 Look up **Micah 5:2; Hosea 11:1** and **Jeremiah 31:15**. Show the accuracy of these prophecies being fulfilled in reading **2:5-6, 15, 17-18**.

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Q.8 Consider the response of the following to the birth of Jesus:

A) Creation **2:1-2, 7-10** compare **Numbers 24:17**. **B)** The wise men **2:1-12**.

C) Herod **2:1-5, 12-13, 16-18**. **D)** The chief priests and scribes **2:4-6**. See also **Micah 5:2**.

Q.9 What was known of the ministry of John the Baptist? Read **3:1-12**. Show the purpose of John's ministry. See also **Mark 1:1-8 & Luke 3:1-20**.

Q.10 Show the testimony of the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist. Read **3:13-17** and compare with **Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:31-34**. Why was it so important for Jesus to be baptised?

Q.11 Show from the evidence in **3:3, 11, 16-17** that Jesus is the Son of God (God the Son) i.e. He is God. Compare with **Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:4-6, 16, 22**.

Q.12 What were the purposes of the temptations? Read **4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13**. Show how Jesus Christ dealt with the three temptations from the devil. What can we learn from these temptations?

Q.13 What is known of the character of Satan in these three temptations? Read again **4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13; Ephesians 2:2-3; 1John 2:15-17**.

Q.14 Why did Jesus leave Nazareth to be based in Capernaum? See **4:12-16; Mark 1:14-22; Luke 4:16-32**.

Q.15 What did Jesus begin to preach at Capernaum and in all Galilee? See **4:17, 23-25**. Show the result of his preaching.

Q.16 Show the significance of the response of Peter, Andrew, James and John to being called to follow Jesus. Read **4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-20**.

Section 2: Chapters 5-7: The Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus taught on the required human conduct and behaviour along with teaching on prayer, fasting and charitable deeds/alms.

Q.1 Who did Jesus speak to at the start of his sermon on the mount? See **5:1-2 & 7:28-29**.

Q.2 Read carefully **5:3-12** known as the beatitudes. What do they teach us about the kind of people that God intended us to be?

Q.3 What did it mean to be salt and light in **5:13-16**? In what ways did Jesus warn people if they failed to be salt and light?

Q.4 What is the attitude of Jesus towards the law in **5:17-20**? Continue to read **5:21-48** and consider carefully what Jesus taught regarding:

A) Murder: **5:21-26; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17; Matthew 18:15-20; 1John 3:15**. **B)** Adultery: **5:27-30; Romans 6:13; 12:1-2; 13:14; Colossians 3:5**. **C)** Divorce: **5:31-32; 19:1-12**. **D)** Oaths: **5:33-37;**

Leviticus 19:12; Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:33; Proverbs 10:19;

E) Revenge/Evil/Retaliation: **5:38-42**. **F)** Neighbours/Love of enemies: **5:43-48;**

Exodus 23:4-5; Psalm 139:21-22; Luke 6:35; 23:34.

Q.5 What did Jesus teach about **A)** Almsgiving/charitable deeds **6:1-4**. **B)** Prayer **6:5-15**.

C) Fasting **6:16-18**. **D)** Material possessions **6:19-34**.

Q.6 Read again **6:9-13** which is known as the Lord's prayer. Consider carefully the content and how it is helpful in showing us how to pray. It is recommended to read the Psalms and other scriptures that are written as prayer such as **2Chronicles 20:5-12; Nehemiah 9:4-38; Daniel 9:3-19; John 17:1-26**.

Q.7 Can we be sure that God will provide for every need? Read again **6:19-34**. What must we do to allow God to provide for us? Give reasons why anxiety is wrong. See also **Philippians 4:4-8; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1Peter 5:7**.

Q.8 Why did Jesus call the scribes and the Pharisees hypocrites? Show what was wrong with their religion. Read again **6:1-5, 16**.

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Q.9 How should we judge others? See **7:1-6, 12**. See also **Luke 6:37-38, 41-42; 11:9-13; 18:9-14; John 7:24; 1Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:1-8; 14:29; 1Timothy 3:1-13; 1John 4:1-6**.

Q.10 Read **7:7-11**. Show how these scriptures give us encouragement to pray. See also **1Kings 3:5-14; 1Chronicles 1:7-12; James 1:5-8**.

Q.11 What do the wide and narrow gates show us? See **7:13-14 & Luke 13:24-27**.

Q.12 What is known of the character of the false prophets revealed by Jesus in **7:15-23**?

See also **Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Jeremiah 23:9-40; Luke 6:43-44; 13:25-27; 2Peter 2:1-22; 1John 4:1-6**.

Q.13 Describe the foundations that we should build upon if we are to stand for Jesus Christ. Show what happened to the house of the foolish man and why this was so. Read **7:24-27** and compare with **Luke 6:46-49 & 1Corinthians 3:10-15**.

Q.14 Why did the multitudes show great astonishment at Jesus' teaching?

See **7:28-29 & John 7:46**.

Section 3: Chapters 8-10

The miracles of healing people of physical sickness and deliverance of people from evil spirits by Jesus Christ (**8:1-9:35**).

The twelve disciples of Jesus commissioned to reach out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (**9:36-10:42**).

Q.1 Show how Jesus healed **A) A leper, 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-15**.

B) The centurion's servant, 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10; John 4:43-54.

C) Peter's mother in law, 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39.

Consider also the faith of each person healed. Why did Jesus commend the centurion?

Read **8:10-12 & Luke 7:9**.

Q.2 Read **8:16-17, 28-34** and show how Jesus Christ dealt with evil spirits.

See also **Mark 1:32-34; 5:1-20; Luke 4:40-41; 8:26-39**.

Q.3 What does **8:18-22** teach about following Jesus Christ? See also **Luke 9:23-26, 57-62**.

Q.4 Read **8:23-27**. Show the response to the storm from the disciples of Jesus and from Jesus himself. See also **Mark 4:35-41 & Luke 8:22-25**.

Q.5 Show the authority Jesus Christ had in healing the paralytic man in **9:1-8**. Is there any evidence of faith in the man healed and his friends that took him to Jesus?

See also **Mark 2:1-12 & Luke 5:17-26**.

Q.6 Show Matthew's response to Jesus' calling to follow him. Why did Jesus eat with publicans (tax collectors) and sinners? See **9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32**.

Q.7 Consider carefully Jesus' explanation regarding why the disciples did not fast at that time.

Read **9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39**.

Q.8 Read **9:18-26**. **A)** What is known of Jairus and the woman with a blood disorder?

B) How did Jesus encourage Jairus and the sick woman? **C)** Show how Jesus healed the woman and raised Jairus' daughter to life again. See also **Mark 5:21-43 & Luke 8:40-56**.

Q.9 Show how Jesus heals **A)** Two blind men in **9:27-31**. **B)** A dumb man in **9:32-33**.

Q.10 In what ways were the Pharisees and scribes offended at Jesus' ministry at this point?

Read **9:3-7, 11-13, 34; Mark 2:6-12, 16-17; Luke 5:21-25, 30-32**.

Did Jesus address the issues with them?

Q.11 Read **9:35-38** and show the needs Jesus perceived amongst the people whilst teaching, preaching and healing.

Q.12 Make a list of the twelve disciples of Jesus and where possible find out what is known of them. Read **9:9; 10:1-4; Mark 3:14-19; John 1:35-41**.

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Q.13 Read **10:5-15** along with **Mark 6:7-13 & Luke 9:1-6**. What did Jesus want his twelve disciples to do when he sent them out on a mission? Do his instructions have relevance to what we may be called to do today?

Q.14 Show the expected persecution for the twelve disciples as foretold by Jesus.

Read **10:16-25**. Does this persecution apply to believers today?

Q.15 Who are we to be fearful? Consider who we should fear. See **10:26-31**.

Q.16 Show the blessing of confessing Jesus Christ before men. See **10:32-33 & Luke 12:8-9**.

Q.17 What conflict can take place when you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Read **10:34-39**.

Q.18 Show the evidence of rewards for a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ in **10:40-42**.

See also **Mark 9:41 & 2Corinthians 5:10**.

Q.19 Read through **chapter 10** again and mark or make a list of the promises that you can claim from this chapter.

Section 4: Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14:1-12

Increasing opposition and rejection of Jesus by the religious leaders (**11:1-12:50; 13:52-58**).

Jesus taught in parables of the kingdom of heaven (**13:1-52**).

John the Baptist in prison and executed by Herod Antipas (**14:1-12**).

Q.1 Why did John the Baptist send two of his disciples to see Jesus?

Read **11:1-3 & Luke 7:18-20**.

Q.2 How did Jesus encourage the two disciples of John the Baptist?

Read **11:4-6; Isaiah 35:3-6; 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19; 7:21-23**.

Q.3 What did Jesus speak to the multitudes regarding John the Baptist in **11:7-15 &**

Luke 7:24-28? What did Jesus mean in **11:11** when he said, "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (NKJV)? See also **Luke 7:28**.

Q.4 How did many people respond to the ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ in view of what was written in **11:16-19 & Luke 7:29-35**?

Q.5 What did Jesus reveal to the cities which did not listen to the word of God? See **11:20-24**.

Q.6 Show the blessings we receive in knowing Jesus Christ as our Saviour in reading **11:25-30**. Consider also **Romans 10:17 & Ephesians 1:3**.

Q.7 How did Jesus observe the Sabbath Day? Read **12:1-13; Numbers 28:9-10;**

1Samuel 21:1-6; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; Mark 2:23-27; 3:1-6; Luke 6:1-11.

Q.8 Show the opposition from the Pharisees towards Jesus over the issue of the Sabbath day.

Read **12:1-14** and compare with **Mark 2:23-27; 3:1-6; Luke 6:1-11**.

Q.9 Show the way Jesus Continued his ministry in **12:15-21**. In what ways had he fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy in **Isaiah 42:1-3**?

Q.10 What do we know of Jesus' victory over Satan, the devil in **12:22-30**.

Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:14-22.

Q.11 What is the unpardonable sin? See **12:22-30; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 11:14-26; 12:8-10; John 3:36; Acts 7:51; Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-27; 1John 5:16**.

Q.12 What was the response from Jesus when the Pharisees and scribes asked for a sign?

See **12:38-42** and compare with **Mark 8:11-12 & Luke 11:29-32**.

Q.13 What did Jesus teach about an unclean spirit in **12:43-45** and what do these verses tell us about the life of such a man? Read also **Luke 11:24-26**.

Q.14 Who are those that are part of the true family of Jesus Christ?

See **12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21**.

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Q.15 Why did Jesus' mother and brethren come to see him?

See **12:46; Mark 3:21, 31-32; John 7:5.**

Q.16 Show the evidence from **12:46-47** that Mary was not a perpetual virgin!

See also **Psalm 69:8; Matthew 13:55; Mark 3:31-32; 6:3; John 7:3, 5; Acts 1:14; 1Corinthians 9:5; Galatians 1:19.**

Q.17 Why did Jesus speak from a boat to the people? See **13:1-2 & Mark 4:1.**

Q.18 Why did Jesus teach in parables?

See **13:3, 10-17, 33-34, 51; Mark 4:3, 10-13, 33-34; Luke 8:9-10.**

Q.19 What did Jesus teach from the following parables:

A) The sower and the seed. See **13:3-9, 18-23; Mark 4:3-9, 14-20; Luke 8:4-8, 11-15.**

B) The wheat and the tares **13:24-30, 36-43.**

Consider carefully how people hear. See also **Romans 10:17 & 1Peter 1:23.**

Q.20 What did Jesus teach about the kingdom of heaven using the following parables:

A) The grain of mustard seed **13:31-32; Mark 4:4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19.**

B) Leaven **13:33 & Luke 8:18-19.** **C)** Buried treasure **13:44.**

D) The pearl of great price **13:45-46.** **E)** A large net **13:47-50.**

Q.21 What is significant about **13:52**?

Q.22 Show the response of the people to Jesus' ministry in his own country/hometown (Nazareth). Read **13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30.**

Q.23 Compare the characters of Herod and John the Baptist. What is known of Herod the tetrarch in **14:1-12** and what was his attitude towards John the Baptist?

See also **Mark 6:14-29 & Luke 9:7-9.**

Section 5: Chapters 14:13 – 18:35

Jesus departed from Galilee to another place followed by the miraculous feeding of the 5000 and later the feeding of 4000 men with women and children and further healings (**14:13-36; 15:21-39**).

Jesus rebuked the scribes and the Pharisees regarding their traditions (**15:1-20**) and asking for a sign (**16:1-4**).

Jesus continued to teach his disciples as follows: **A)** Warning them of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (**16:5-12**). **B)** Being the Christ (**16:13-20**). **C)** His death and resurrection (**16:21-23**). **D)** Cost of discipleship (**16:24-26**). **E)** His second coming (**16:27-28**). **F)** The Transfiguration (**17:1-13**). **G)** Casting out evil spirits (**17:14-21**). **H)** Paying the temple tax (**17:24-27**). **I)** Several issues particularly in treatment of children, relationships particularly regarding forgiveness (**18:1-35**).

Q.1 How did Jesus feed miraculously 5000 men with women and children? Read **14:13-21** and compare with **Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:5-14.** What was Jesus teaching his disciples in doing this miracle?

Q.2 Why did Jesus withdraw quickly from the multitudes?

See **14:22-23; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:15.**

Q.3 What was the purpose of Jesus coming to the disciples walking on the water? See **14:24-33; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21.** Can you see any lessons you need to learn if in an experience of being storm tossed?

Q.4 What was the response of the men of Gennesaret when Jesus had come to this land?

See **14:34-36 & Mark 6:53-56.**

Q.5 What lessons can we learn in view of what happened to Peter on the water?

Read **14:28-32.**

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Q.6 Read carefully **15:1-20**. Why did Jesus expose the false teaching of the Pharisees and why Jesus said that they were blind? See **15:14, 17-20**. See also **Mark 7:1-23**. What was the real problem that Jesus revealed to the scribes and the Pharisees? See **15:2, 7-9**.

Q.7 What is meant by the word "heart" in this passage? What is the problem man has with the heart? See **15:11, 18-20; Mark 7:15, 20-23; Proverbs 28:26** and **Jeremiah 17:9**. Make a list of the things that come out of the heart as seen in **15:18-20; Mark 7:20-23; Galatians 5:19-21**. Why it is important to give your heart to God? It is helpful to read **22:37; Psalm 51:10;**

Proverbs 4:23; Romans 6:17; 10:9-10; 2Corinthians 9:7; Ephesians 6:6; Colossians 3:16.

Q.8 Show the evidence that the Gentile woman had such great faith in Jesus Christ. Why did Jesus appear to give no response to her request? Read **15:21-28 & Mark 7:24-30**.

Q.9 Read **15:29-31**. Make a list of the kind of disabilities that Jesus healed and the reaction of the multitudes towards those that were made well. Is it possible many of the people were Gentiles (Non-Jews)?

Q.10 What was Jesus teaching the disciples when he fed 4000 men along with women and children in **15:32-39**? See also **Mark 8:1-10**.

Q.11 Why did Jesus refer to the Pharisees and Sadducees as part of a wicked and adulterous generation? Read **16:1-4; 12:38-42; Mark 8:11-13; Luke 12:54-56**. Why did Jesus call the Pharisees and Sadducees hypocrites in **16:3**?

Q.12 Why did Jesus warn the disciples of the false teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Read **16:5-12 & Mark 8:14-21**. Why did the disciples have problems in understanding what Jesus meant by the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees?

See also **1Corinthians 5:6-7 & Galatians 5:9**.

Q.13 What did Matthew reveal of who Jesus is in **16:13-16, 20**? See also **Mark 8:27-30**.

What did men think of who Jesus is?

Q.14 What were the three things Jesus said to Peter in **16:17-19**?

A) In **verse 17** compare with **1Corinthians 12:3**.

B) In **verse 18** compare with **1Corinthians 3:11**.

C) In **verse 19** compare with **18:18 & John 20:23**.

What did Jesus mean when said to Peter, "*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven*"? It is helpful to consider what Peter did in reading **Acts 2:14-40; 8:14-25; 10:1-48**.

Q.15 What did Jesus reveal of: **A)** his sufferings to come in **16:21-23; B)** The cost of following him as his disciples in **16:24-26; C)** his second coming in **16:27-28**?

Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so sharply in **16:23**?

It is helpful to read **Mark 8:38 & Luke 9:22-27**.

Q.16 What did the Transfiguration reveal of who Jesus is?

Read **17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36**.

Q.17 How did the three disciples, Peter, James and John respond to this Transfiguration of Jesus? See **17:4-9** and compare with **Mark 9:5-10** and **Luke 9:32-36**.

Q.18 What was significant in Moses and Elijah/Elias being present at the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ? See also **17:3-5; Mark 9:3-7; Luke 9:30-36**.

Q.19 Show what Jesus revealed to the disciples who asked about the coming of Elias/Elijah. See **17:10-13** along with **Mark 9:10-13**.

Q.20 What did the disciples need to learn about the casting out of evil spirits? See **17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42**. Discuss what is needed to cast out evil spirits in view of what was happening in this passage.

Q.21 What three things had Jesus foretold of himself in **17:22-23**? See also **Mark 9:30-32 & Luke 9:44-45**. Show the reaction of the disciples towards what Jesus had said.

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Q.22 Show how Jesus responded to paying the temple tax. See **17:24-27** and also **22:17-22; Mark 12:14-17; Luke 20:22-26; Romans 13:6-7; Exodus 30:11-16; 2Kings 12:4; 2Chronicles 24:9; Nehemiah 10:32.**

Q.23 *“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*

Read **18:15, Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48.**

Q.24 What did Jesus warn us regarding treatment of children?

Read **18:6-7, 10, 14; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:1-2.**

Q.25 Read carefully **18:7-9**. What can hinder a person from receiving everlasting life?

Read also **Mark 9:43-48.**

Q.26 Show from the passage that Jesus clearly seeks after the lost. See **18:11-14** and compare with **Luke 15:3-7 & 19:10.**

Q.27 how do we deal with a Christian who sins against us? Read **18:15-20;**

Deuteronomy 19:15; Luke 17:3-4; 2Corinthians 13:1; Galatians 6:1.

Q.28 What did Jesus teach about forgiveness? Consider the attitude towards forgiveness in a certain king and that of one of his servants that owed him a vast sum of money. Read **18:21-35** And see also **Romans 12:8-10; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13.**

Section 6: Chapters 19 & 20

Jesus is on a journey to Jerusalem through Judaea.

He gave teaching on **A) divorce, 19:1-12; B) little children, 19:13-15; C) the rich young man in 19:16-20; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30; D) the vineyard parable, 20:1-16; E) his death and resurrection foretold, 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34; F) his calling to serve, 20:21-28; Mark 10:35-45; G) restoration of sight to two men, 20:29-34.**

Q.1 Show that Jesus saw marriage being for life. Did he give any reasons for divorce being justified? Read carefully **19:1-12; 5:27-32; Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:1-3; 1Corinthians 7:1-40.**

Q.2 How did the Pharisees treat the matter of divorce? Is it true to say they had allowed many excuses for a wife to be divorced from her husband? See **19:3-9 & Deuteronomy 24:1-4.**

Q.3 Show the importance of bringing children to Jesus?

Read **19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17.**

Q.4 What do we know of the character of the rich young man that came to Jesus? What was hindering him from becoming a disciple of Jesus? Read **19:16-24; Mark 10:17-25; Luke 6:24; 8:14; 12:13-21; 18:18-25; 1Timothy 6:7, 10, 17.**

Q.5 Show how Jesus encouraged his disciples to know that certainty of salvation having everlasting life. Read **19:25-30; Mark 10:26-31; Luke 18:26-30.** Is there any indication that there are rewards for Christian service?

Q.6 Read **20:1-16.** What is the meaning of the householder hiring labourers into his vineyard? Consider what is known of: **A) the householder; B) the labourers.** Why was the householder justified in giving all the labourers the same amount of money no matter how long they had worked that day?

Q.7 How did Jesus prepare his disciples on going up to Jerusalem? Read **20:17-19** and compare with **Mark 10:32-34 & Luke 18:31-34.**

Q.8 What did Jesus teach regarding anyone becoming chief/leader over men? Read carefully **20:20-28** and see also **Mark 10:35-45.** What was wrong with the request of James and John given to Jesus by their mother on their behalf?

Q.9 What did Jesus mean by baptism in this passage in **20:22-23**? See also **Mark 10:46-52; Luke 12:50; Philippians 3:10.**

Q.10 What can we learn from the two blind men seeking after Jesus Christ? Read **20:29-34.**

Section 7: Chapters 21-25

The last days of Jesus's ministry in Jerusalem

A) His entry into Jerusalem, **21:1-11**; **B)** The temple cleansed by Jesus, **21:12-22**;

C) Confrontation with the Jewish leaders, **21:23-22:46**;

D) Jesus's condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees, **23:1-39**;

E) The Olivet discourse concerning things to come, **24:1-25:46**.

Q.1 Why did Jesus enter into Jerusalem on a donkey? See **21:1-7**; **Psalms 118:25-26**; **Zechariah 9:9**; **Mark 11:1-7**; **Luke 19:28-36**; **John 12:14-15**.

Q.2 How did the great multitude react to Jesus's entry into Jerusalem? Read **21:8-11**; **Mark 11:8-11**; **Luke 19:37-38**; **John 12:12-13, 17-19**. What did many of the people in the multitude believe about Jesus and what did they expect him to do?

Q.3 What did Jesus condemn when he cleansed the temple? What was the purpose of the temple? Read carefully **21:12-17**; **Isaiah 56:3-8**; **Mark 11:15-19**; **19:45-48**; **John 2:13-22**.

Q.4 What was significant when Jesus cursed the fig tree?

See **21:18-22** & **Mark 11:12-14, 20-24**.

Q.5 Why did the chief priests and elders refuse to give an answer regarding the baptism of John? See **21:23-27**. Show that Jesus was justified in not revealing his authority.

See also **Mark 11:27-33** & **Luke 20:1-8**.

Q.6 What was Jesus revealing in **21:28-32** regarding the two sons?

Q.7 What did the parable of the vineyard in **21:33-46** teach of: **A)** the householder; **B)** the servants; **C)** the son; **D)** the husbandmen/farmers; **E)** the vineyard in which it represented; **F)** the rejected stone; **G)** the winepress; **H)** the hedge; **I)** the tower. See also **Psalms 118:22-23**; **Isaiah 5:17**; **Mark 12:1-12**; **Luke 20:9-19**; **Acts 4:11**. Consider the reaction of the Pharisees in verses **45-46**. In what way is the judgment of God shown in the parable? See **21:40-44**.

Q.8 Which "nation" was Jesus referring to that would be given the kingdom of God? Read carefully **21:43** & **1 Peter 2:6-10**.

Q.9 Read **22:1-14**. Who could the people represent in this parable? **A)** The king; **B)** the son; **C)** the King's servants; **D)** the people that refused to come to the wedding; **E)** the people, bad and good, who responded in coming to the wedding; **F)** the guest without a wedding garment. What is significant about the wedding garment? See also **Luke 14:14:15-24**.

Q.10 Show Jesus's respect for paying taxes in **22:15-22**. Why did he say to the Pharisees and the Herodians that they were hypocrites?

See also **Mark 12:13-17**; **Luke 20:20-26**; **Romans 13:1-7**.

Q.11 What do we understand of the resurrection from the question of the Sadducees to Jesus in **22:23-33**? What do we know of who God is in this passage of scripture?

See also **Deuteronomy 25:5-10**; **Mark 12:18-27**; **Luke 20:27-30**.

Q.12 What two commandments will fulfil all the law and the prophets? Read carefully **22:34-40**; **Mark 12:28-34**; **Luke 10:25-28**; **Romans 13:8-10**.

Q.13 What did Jesus prove to the Pharisees regarding the Christ from a psalm of David, king of Israel? Read **22:41-46**; **Psalms 110:1-7**; **Mark 12:35-37**; **Luke 20:41-44**; **Acts 2:33-35**; **Hebrews 1:13**; **10:11-13**.

Q.14 Read carefully **23:1-36**. In what ways did Jesus condemn the scribes and the Pharisees regarding: **A)** their works, **23:2-12**; **B)** the kingdom of heaven, **23:13**; **C)** widows' houses, **23:14**; **D)** proselytes, **23:15**; **E)** swearing, **23:16-22**; **F)** paying tithes, **23:23-24**;

G) being clean, **23:25-28**; **H)** the prophets, **23:29-33**; **I)** the future foretold for these religious people, **23:33-36**. It is helpful to read **Mark 12:38-40**; **Luke 11:37-52**; **20:45-47** and compare the beatitudes in **5:3-12** with the eight woes Jesus brought to the scribes and Pharisees.

Q.15 What did Jesus speak of the future of Jerusalem? See **23:37-39** & **Luke 13:34-35**.

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Q.16 Read again **23:1-36**. Make a list of the possible problems that could occur in today's church that leads us to behave like the scribes and the Pharisees.

Q.17 What did Jesus foretell to the disciples of the future of the temple?

See **24:1-2; Mark 13:1-12; Luke 21:5-6**.

Q.18 Look carefully at **24:3**. What were the disciples asking Jesus privately?

Compare with **Mark 13:3-4 & Luke 21:7**.

Q.19 Make a list of the things foretold by Jesus in answer to his disciples' questions.

Read **24:4-14; Mark 13:3-13; Luke 21:7-19**.

Q.20 What did Jesus instruct his people to do when "*the abomination of desolation*" appears?

See **24:15-20; Mark 13:14-18; Luke 21:20-24**.

Q.21 Who or what is the "*the abomination of desolation*"? See **24:15; Mark 13:14; Daniel 12:1; 2Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 13:1-18**.

Q.22 What is known about the great tribulation to come? Read **24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20; Jeremiah 30:4-10; Daniel 12:1**.

Q.23 What is the character of these false prophets?

See **24:23-26; Mark 13:21-23; 2Peter 2:1-22; Jeremiah 23:9-32**.

Q.24 What did Jesus teach of his second coming? Show what will happen just before Jesus will return to earth followed by his appearance again on the earth.

See **24:27-41; Mark 13:24-32; Luke 21:25-33**.

Q.25 How were people to respond to the second coming of Jesus Christ in view of what was written in **24:42-51**? Who were the faithful servants and the unfaithful servants?

See also **Mark 13:33-37 & Luke 21:34-36**.

Q.26 Read **25:1-13**. What did Jesus teach about the ten virgins?

A) Who are the wise and foolish virgins? **B)** Who is the bridegroom?

C) What lessons can we learn from this passage?

Q.27 Read **25:14-30**. Show the responsibilities of each of the three servants.

A) What did two of the servants do with their talents? See **25:15-23**.

B) What did the servant with the one talent do? See **25:24-25**.

C) Show the rewards given to each servant. See **25:21, 23, 26-30**.

D) What is the message to us in this passage of scripture?

See also **1Corinthians 3:9-15 & 2Corinthians 5:7-10**.

E) It is helpful to read **Luke 19:11-27** and compare with **25:14-30**. What is the particular emphasis shown in each parable?

Q.28 Read **25:31-46**. **A)** What will Jesus Christ do when he comes again to the earth?

See **25:31-32**. **B)** What is known of the sheep in **25:33-40**? **C)** What is known of the goats?

See **25:41-46**. **D)** What did Jesus mean by "my brethren" in **25:40**? **E)** How does the judgment of each nation apply to us? Read again **25:31-46**.

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Jesus completed the work he was called to do.

A) Jesus betrayed by Judas Iscariot; Jesus in Bethany; the Passover meal; Jesus in Gethsemane in prayer followed by his arrest, **26:1-56**.

B) The trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus, **26:57-27:66**.

C) The resurrection of Jesus, **28:1-15**.

D) Jesus gave the great commission to his disciples, **28:16-20**.

Q.1 Why did Jesus warn his disciples of his death in two more days? Read **26:1-2**.

Q.2 Who were the people that wished to put Jesus to death?

See **26:3-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:45-53**.

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Q.3 What was known of Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus? Read **26:14-16, 21-25, 47-50; Mark 14:10-11, 18-21, 43-45; Luke 22:3-6, 47-48; John 13:21-30; 18:1-8.**

Q.4 What did Jesus teach his disciples regarding the Passover? Read **26:17-20, 26-30; Mark 14:12-17, 22-26; Luke 22:7-20; 1Corinthians 5:7-8; 11:23-24.**

Q.5 Show what Jesus foretold would happen to all his disciples especially to Peter. See **26:31-35, 56, 69-75; Mark 14:27-31, 50; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27; Zechariah 13:7.**

Q.6 What can we learn about Jesus in prayer in Gethsemane? Read **26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46.**

Q.7 Show how Peter, James and John failed Jesus miserably in the garden of Gethsemane. Read again **26:36-46 & Mark 14:32-34.**

Q.8 Show Jesus's response to his arrest and why it had to take place. Read **26:47-56; Mark 14:43-49; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:12.**

Q.9 Read carefully **26:57-68**. Consider the following questions:

A) Did Jesus receive a fair trial? **B)** What was the charge against Jesus?

C) What did Jesus reveal of himself in this passage? **D)** How did Jesus respond to his trial?

See also **Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54-55, 63-71; John 18:13-14, 19-24.**

Q.10 Read **27:1-66**. Make a list of the people mentioned in this chapter. Consider carefully their involvement in the crucifixion of Jesus and their response to who they think Jesus is.

Q.11 Did Judas truly repent of his sins in view of the action he took in **27:3-5**?

See also **Acts 1:16-20.**

Q.12 Why did the chief priests purchase a field with the money Judas had brought back to them? Read **27:6-10; Deuteronomy 23:18; Jeremiah 32:6-9; Zechariah 11:12-13.**

Q.13 What is known of Pilate? What were the reasons why he handed Jesus over to be crucified even though he knew he was innocent?

Read **27:12-26; Mark 15:2-15; Luke 13:1-7, 12-25; John 18:28-19:22.**

Q.14 Why were the chief priests and elders determined to see Jesus put to death? Read again **27:12-26; Mark 15:2-15; Luke 23:1-7, 12-25; John 18:28-19:22.**

Q.15 Show the ways people treated Jesus from the point he was released from Pilate until darkness fell on the land. How did Jesus react to his abusers? Read carefully **27:26-45; Mark 15:16-33; Luke 23:26-44; John 19:16-24; Psalm 22:18; Isaiah 53:12.**

Q.16 What was the accusation on the cross made against Jesus Christ?

See **27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19-22.**

Q.17 Consider carefully what happened to Jesus on the cross up to the point of death.

Read **27:45-50; Mark 15:33-37; Luke 23:44-46; John 19:25-30**. How did Jesus suffer on the cross? See also **Psalm 22:1-8 & 69:21.**

Q.18 Show what occurred immediately after Jesus died. Look carefully at the response of people when Jesus died and was buried. See **27:51-61; Mark 15:38-47; Luke 23:47-56; John 19:31-42; Isaiah 53:9**. What is known of Joseph of Arimathaea?

Q.19 Why did the chief priests and the Pharisees insist on a heavy stone in front of the sepulchre (burial chamber) where the body of Jesus lay? See **27:62-66.**

Q.20 How long was Jesus dead in body before he rose again in view of what is said in **27:63**? See also **12:40 & Mark 8:31.**

Q.21 Show the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in **28:1-10**. Compare with **Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-12, 13-48; John chapters 20, 21; Acts 1:3-12; 1Corinthians 15:3-7**. Who were the eyewitnesses?

Q.22 How did the chief priests cover up this event of the resurrection? Read carefully **28:11-15**. Show how this incident gives proof of the resurrection. Read again **28:2-6.**

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Q.23 What was the great commission that Jesus gave to his disciples? See **28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8.**

Q.24 Show clearly the commands of the commission in **28:16-20**. What should we expect to take place in our churches if we take seriously the Great Commission?

Look again at **Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8.**

Miscellaneous Questions

Q.1 Attempt to find as many prophecies as you can that are cited or quoted from the Old Testament in Matthew's gospel to prove Jesus was the Messiah. You may find it helpful to have a bible with cross references to find the prophecies and to make a list of what is foretold and fulfilled. Such proof gives overwhelming evidence that Jesus is the Christ or Messiah. Examples: **A) 1:23; Isaiah 7:14. B) 13:10-15; Psalm 78:2; Isaiah 6:9-10. C) 2:15; Hosea 11:1. D) 27:46; Psalm 22:1; 31:5; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46. E) 2:16-18; Jeremiah 31:15.**

Q.2 What is revealed of who Jesus Christ is from Matthew's gospel? See **1:20; 2:2, 15, 23; 3:15-17; 4:1-11, 19; 14:33; 16:16; 17:5; 27:37.**

Q.3 Show the evidence that Matthew had written of Jesus's concern for the Gentiles. See **1:3, 5; 2:1-12; 4:15; 8:5-13; 12:17-21; 14:34-36; 15:21-28; 21:33-44; 27:54; 28:19-20.**

Q.4 What did Matthew's gospel teach of the kingdom of heaven/kingdom of God?

A) How did many of the Jews at the time of Jesus see the kingdom?

B) How do Christians see the kingdom today?

The following chapters are helpful to read: **Chapters 5-7** (lifestyle); **9:35-10:42** (mission); **13:1-52** (growth); **18:1-35** (community); **Chapters 24 & 25** (future).

Q.5 What part did angels take in the life of Jesus on earth? See **1:20-21; 2:13, 20; 4:11; 13:39, 41, 49; 16:27; 18:10; 22:30; 24:31; 25:31, 41; 26:53; 28:2, 5-7.** See also **Mark 8:38; Luke 1:11-17, 26-37; 2:9-18; 9:26; 12:8; 15:10; 16:22; 22:43; John 1:51; 5:3-4; 20:11-14.**

Q.6 Show the ways Jesus Christ was rejected from being the Messiah from the religious people especially the Pharisees and the scribes. It is helpful to read **Chapters 11, 12, 22.**

Q.7 Study what is known of the Pharisees and the scribes to show why their teaching was unacceptable to Jesus. It is helpful to read **15:1-20; 23:1-39.**

Q.8 Read carefully through **Matthew's gospel** and consider what is known of the character of Peter. If time allows read the gospels of **Mark, Luke** and **John** to have a bigger picture of Peter's character before the day of Pentecost after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

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