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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

PART II (Chapters 15-28)

This is a continuation of the study of The Gospel According to Matthew. For greatest benefit, Part I (Chapters 1-14) should be studied first.

CHAPTER 15 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus and instead of glorifying God for His mighty works were complaining about the disciples not keeping the traditions of men.

1. What did Jesus call them, and in quoting the prophet Isaiah (Esaias), what did He say about this kind of people? vv. 7,8 7 Ye hypocrites, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
2. What did Jesus say defiles (makes unclean) a man? v. 11 that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
3. According to Jesus, what is the origin of that which comes out of our mouth? v. 18 the Heart
4. What comes (proceeds) out of the heart? v. 19 evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
5. What does the prophet Jeremiah have to say about the heart? Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
6. Why did the Canaanite woman come to Jesus? v. 22 cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. She wanted her daughter delivered.
7. Read verses 23-25 and in your own words compare the responses of Jesus and the disciples to this woman's crying after them. The disciples had no empathy at all. She was "less than" and her continued crying out was bothersome, like a dog barking all the time. But Jesus, He wanted to help and was looking for any reason to justify bending the rules to help her, as he was sent to the Israelites. She made a connection to the Israelites through her wisdom and humbleness, willing to be counted as a dog for a crumb.. Jesus rejoiced in the actions she portrayed and sent the healing.
8. What did Jesus say about the faith of this Gentile woman, indicating that what is in the heart is more important than external circumstances? v. 28 great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.
9. When the multitudes brought the lame, the blind, the dumb (the mute) and the maimed (cripple) and laid them at Jesus' feet, what did He do? v. 30 he healed them

10. **What was the response of the people when they saw the miracles? v. 31** _____
 the multitude wondered and they glorified the God of Israel.
11. **Apparently the disciples needed another experience about the provision of God. What question did they ask that might indicate that they hadn't learned the previous lesson well? v. 33 (Also compare Mt. 14:15.)** _____
 Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?
 Note: in 14:15 they said, "send them away" in 15:33 they ask, "where are we getting the food from" a definite change of heart.
12. **How much bread (loaves) did Jesus have to start with and how much was left over? vv. 36,37** _____
 seven loaves and a few small fishes he was left with 7 baskets full, this is more than He started with.
13. **How many did Jesus feed this time? v. 38** _____
 four thousand men, beside women and children.. so most likely more
 4000-6000 + including women and children.

CHAPTER 16 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **Who came to Jesus seeking a sign from heaven? v. 1** _____
 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came
2. **What did Jesus call those who were seeking a sign from heaven? v. 4** _____
 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;
- Read the following scriptures and then answer what we are to seek instead of signs.**
3. **II Chronicles 7:14** _____
 shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face
4. **II Chronicles 30:19** _____
 prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers
5. **John 12:21** _____
 we would see Jesus.
6. **John 7:37** _____
 If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
7. **Luke 11:9,13** _____
 I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you
 shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him
8. **Against what did Jesus warn His disciples? Mt. 16:6** _____
 Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
9. **Against what was Jesus really warning them? v. 12** _____
 not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
10. **What two questions did Jesus ask His disciples? vv. 13,15** _____
 Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
 But whom say ye that I am?
11. **What was Peter's response and from where did he receive this revelation? vv. 16,17** _____
 Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven
12. **After Peter had made his great confession and received a wonderful commendation from Jesus for his spiritual insight, what did Peter do with Jesus when He began to talk about suffering and death on the cross? vv. 21,22** _____
 Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
13. **After Jesus' marvelous commendation of Peter in verse 18, what did He call Peter in verse 23?** _____
 Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Apparently Jesus was not speaking only to Peter but to the evil (satanic) influence behind Peter's opposition to the death of Jesus on the cross. Following Jesus involves a cross; He states this truth clearly in verse 24.

14. What are the requirements we must fulfill if we desire to following Jesus? v. 24 _____
If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

In verses 24 and 25 Jesus equates denying self with our cross rather than calling our cross an affliction, sickness or trial.

15. If we are truly following Christ, who is in charge of our life? Jesus,... and the Holy Spirit
16. Upon which does Jesus place the most value, the trillions of dollars which comprise the riches of this world system or the soul of a man? v. 26 he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Soul is Priceless
17. When Jesus Christ the Son of man comes back to earth in the glory of His Father with His angels, what will He do? v. 27 and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

In verse 28 Jesus said: "Some are standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

18. What did the apostle John see in Revelation 19:11-16? I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.. The word of God. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords... Jesus

CHAPTER 17 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who was with Jesus and witnessed His transfiguration? v. 1 Peter, James, and John his brother
2. As always, Peter had something to say about the experience. What did Peter say? v. 4 _____
Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
3. In what way did the heavenly Father confirm the identity of His son? v. 5 _____
behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Read verses 14-21 and then answer the following two questions.

4. Why were some of the disciples unable to cast out the demon from the man's son? _____
Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief.
5. What did the disciples need to do in order to be able to cast out demons of that kind? _____
this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting
6. When Jesus was asked to pay a temple tax, what transpired? vv. 24-27 Answer in your own words. _____
This script rebuts the teachings that Jesus was rich. Here in order to pay his taxes he had to have Peter go fishing and get money from the mouth of the fish. First, fishing used to be Peters job, Jesus only asked him to do what came naturally, second the fruit came through obedience, and action, Third the hint is that God brings support through those that are caught. One more thought to notice is that Jesus did not even consider the choice of not paying his tax, nor did he complain.

CHAPTER 18 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **What was Jesus' answer to the disciples' question "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" vv. 1-4** Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven
2. **Who does one receive when he receives (welcomes) a little child in Jesus' name? v. 5** Jesus!
3. **Why should we be careful and not offend nor cause to sin one of the little ones who believe in Jesus? v. 6** it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.... pretty scary when Jesus says something like this....
4. **For what reason does Jesus indicate that we should not despise nor look down upon one of "these little ones"? v. 10** That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
5. **In the parable of the Lost Sheep (vv. 12-14), why did the man leave the 99 sheep in the fold? v. 14** One of the sheep were gone astray, so he left the 99 to look for the 1

The remaining verses deal with the subject of forgiveness. Read verses 15-35 and then answer the following five questions.

6. **What are the three steps to be used in reconciling a believer who trespasses (sins) against us? vv. 15-17**
 - a. go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
 - b. take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
 - c. tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Verses 18, 19 and 20 are often quoted out of context; it should be remembered that in this passage of scripture, Jesus is dealing with the subject of **forgiveness**.

7. **What happens in heaven when we bind or loose something on earth?** _____
it is bound or loosed in heaven.
8. **How many times did Jesus say that we are to forgive those who sin against us?** 70 x 7, limitless
9. **In the parable of the Unmerciful Servant (vv. 23-34), describe in your own words, a. What did the lord or master of the unmerciful servant do for his servant? b. Then how did the servant treat the man who owed him a small amount of money, and finally, c. What happened to the unmerciful servant in the end?**
 - a. The Lord and master forgave the servants entire debt, as he was unable to pay
 - b. The servant was unwilling to forgive even after forgiving, instead he pressed the debt even unto prison.
 - c. The servants debt was added back to him, and he was put in prison and punished, worse than what he required of his fellow servant.

10. **What did Jesus say would happen to us if we do not forgive our brothers from our hearts their trespasses? v. 35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. .. Notice the term "everyman his brother", to me this means forgiveness for all or all...

CHAPTER 19 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **When Jesus left Galilee and went to Judea, large crowds followed Him. What did Jesus do for them? v. 2** and he healed them there -- he healed them all

2. **Why did the Pharisees come to Jesus and ask Him questions about divorce? v. 3** tempting him -- their goal was to trip him up

3. **What reason did Jesus give to the Pharisees when they indicated that under the law of Moses it was fairly easy to obtain a divorce? v. 8** because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

4. **Why were the little children brought to Jesus? v. 13** that he should put his hands on them, and pray for them

5. **How did the disciples respond to the people who brought the children forward for prayer? v. 13** the disciples rebuked them.

6. **What was Jesus' response? v. 14** Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven... He wanted them to come to him.

Verses 16-22 relate an incident in which a wealthy young man asked Jesus, "What good thing shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus did not rebuke him for doing good works even though Ephesians 2:8,9 states that by grace we are saved and not because of the good things we do.

7. **Jesus told him to do one more thing. What was it? v. 21** go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven

8. **What was the response of the young man? v. 22** he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions., He must have been deceiving himself to belief he was selfless.

9. **Even though this young man had kept the law to the best of his ability, he was still breaking one of the commandments. Which one was it? Mt. 22:37,38** thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
He chose his riches over Jesus.

10. **Jesus then said it is hard for a person with wealth to enter the kingdom of heaven. What illustration did Jesus use when describing this truth? v. 24** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
I've heard it preached that the Needle referred too here is a small opening in the wall that a camel only when unloaded and on its knees could fit through. Although I think Jesus spoke plainly

11. **The disciples were amazed at Jesus' words. What did Jesus respond to their question: Who then can be saved? v. 26** With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.
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12. **What promise did Jesus give to those who have forsaken all to follow Him? v. 29** every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life
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CHAPTER 20 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

This chapter begins with the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (vv. 1-16). It is good to remember that parables are given to teach one principal truth. So rather than examining every minute detail, the reader should strive to glean the primary spiritual truth presented in the parable.

1. **Read verses 1-16 and then write out in your own words the primary truth that we should learn from this parable.** Many people will be save during the time of harvest, workers are needed so don't think that the call of service hasn't been recieved (revelation, here is my calling if Im looking for it), the reward is the same for all everlasting life, and relationship with God is the reward, everybody gets the same whether saved and served for the entire life or only in the last minutes before.
2. **As Jesus and His disciples were going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took them aside. What did He explain to them? vv. 18,19** The Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. Jesus explained what was about to happen, the timing is interesting, Jesus waited until the event was upon them, His capture, beating , crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection.
3. **What did the mother of James and John (sons of Zebedee) ask of Jesus? v. 21** for her sons to sit on either side of Jesus in His kingdom.
4. **What did Jesus say that he who desired to be great should become? vv. 26,27** whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
5. **When the two blind men heard that Jesus was passing by, what did they do? And what did the multitude (crowd) do? vv. 29-31** The men cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace:
6. **What did the two blind men do after being told what to do by the crowd? v. 31** but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.
7. **What did Jesus then do? vv. 32-34** Jesus stood still (Stopped and looked), and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

CHAPTER 21 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Verses 1-11 describe Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem which fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah 9:9.

- 1. Read verses 1-11 again and then read Zechariah 9:9. After reading these verses, write out in your own words the events related in Matthew's gospel that are described by the Old Testament prophet.** Jesus is carrying Salvation, Just and Holy, and riding on a donkey's fowl. Jesus is the one Zachariah is speaking of. This is thought to be the first time Jesus presented himself as the Christ and Savoir publicly. Before this time he was requesting from the people he healed to keep it quiet. Not to tell anyone who he was or what happened, but here is fulfilment of Zach 9:9 He rides in on the colt, people lay down palm branches and shout "Hossana" as he is received as King.
- 2. When Jesus entered the temple, what did He do and what did He say? vv. 12,13** He Cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. This along with the cursing of the fig tree show a side of Jesus, a little more of the human side maybe. Jesus felt that the the greedy were using the need for forgiveness of sins to make money, He was right they were.
- 3. What did Jesus do with the blind and the lame who came to Him in the temple? v. 14** he healed them
- 4. Read Mt. 12:9; Mk. 1:21; Lk. 2:46 and Lk. 4:15,16, then describe what was Jesus' devotional custom during His time on earth.** He was constantly at the synagogue, it was his custom to go on the sabbath and read from the Torah. School at that time for a jewish boy was at the synagogue, he was taught to read, write, and learned God's word there. He was also taught the other sayings that are in the verbal stories they offered.
- 5. What was the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees when they heard the children praising Jesus? v. 15** they were sore displeased
Jesus then left Jerusalem and went to Bethany which was less than an hour's walk from Jerusalem and spent the night there, no doubt staying with His dear friends.
- 6. Who were some of the friends of Jesus who lived at Bethany? Mt. 26:6; Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 12:1,2** Simon the leper, Martha and Mary, Lazarus.
- 7. Early the next morning as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, He came to a fig tree. Describe in your own words what happened to the fig tree and why. What was the disciples' response. vv.18-21** The tree took healthy and ripe with figs, but upon inspection it bore no fruit!. Like many in the church who are there to receive but never give or bare fruit. Jesus ended its life by saying "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever" When the disciples noted it wither right in front of their eyes, as the time it happened uses the word "presently". They were amazed. Jesus's us if we have the faith of a mustard seed we can move mountains. Woa to the christian who when Jesus comes looking for fruit is barring none. Once is not enough, every season a tree bares fruit, or is replaced.
- 8. What is the key to receiving what we ask in prayer? v. 22** believing, ye shall receive.

9. **Verses 23-27 relate a conversation between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. Why do you think they asked Jesus about His authority? (Also see Mt. 16:1.)** Because Jesus was able to do miracles to back up his words, Jewish leaders had no authority in their religion from God to do such things, this would mean the end of their fame and they knew it, so they wanted to get rid of Jesus.
Jesus didn't answer them directly but told them two parables, one about doing the will of the Father and receiving God's servants and His Son. Read the two parables and then write a one or two sentence summary of each parable.
10. **The Parable of the Two Sons: vv. 28-31** Two son's one looks like he is doing God's will but is not, and then when giving the opportunity to be obedient he didn't go. The other, looks as if he was not a person of God, but then when given the chance to be obedient obeyed. How many times have Christians with plenty passed someone in need, when the beggar down the street shares what he get given with all in need until it is gone.
11. **The Parable of the Husbandman (landholder) and his Tenants: vv. 33-43** The landholder sent representatives to the Tenants to receive what was rightfully His, The tenants beat or killed them all. When the Owner sent His son they also Killed him thinking they could steal all the land away. The problem is that life does not end here, eternity should be the first place to take stock of not the last. What good is land when your going to hell.
12. **Whom did the Pharisees perceive that Jesus was talking about, and what did they want to do with Jesus? vv. 45,46** He was talking about those that fall on the rock, all the believers, and all those that are ground to powder by the rock.. Those that refuse to believe... The Pharisees, for the most part, were the latter. So this was about them and they knew it. Therefore, they sought to kill Jesus, "lay hands on him" surely means execute him, as they did in the end.
13. **What prevented the Jewish leaders at that time from doing with Jesus what they desired in their hearts to do? v. 46** Everyone else, who were not threatened by Jesus being God, knew that He is Messiah, Christ, and Savior. The word uses the word "prophet" of "From God".

CHAPTER 22 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Jesus related another parable about the marriage of a king's son. vv. 1-13

1. **Why did Jesus use parables to teach the people? Mt. 13:10,11** Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given
2. **What was the response of the ones invited to the wedding feast? v. 5** they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise
3. **What did they do with the king's servants? v. 6** took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them
4. **How did the king react to this treatment of his servants? v. 7** he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city

5. **Why was the individual who came to the wedding feast rejected, and what happened to him? vv. 11-13** man which had not on a wedding garment.. Salvation, the wedding garment is the Robe of White Jesus Gives.
Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
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6. **How many were called (invited) and how many were chosen? v. 14** many are called, but few are chosen
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7. **When the Pharisees asked Jesus about paying taxes, what were they trying to do? vv. 15,18**
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8. **When the Pharisees and Jesus looked at the Roman coin, what question did Jesus ask them and what did they respond? v. 21** Tempting Him that they might entangle him in his talk.
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9. **What was Jesus' answer to the Pharisees about whether they should pay taxes or not, and what was their attitude to Jesus' words? v. 22** Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.
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- After the Pharisees had left Jesus, the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, also came to tempt Jesus. When they asked a question about the resurrection off the dead, Jesus told them they were in error because they did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.
10. **What was the response of the multitude (crowd) of people who heard Jesus' teaching (v. 33), and what was the response of the Sadducees? v. 34** when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.. Vrs 34 speaks of the response of the Pharisees not the Sadducees other than to say they were silenced.
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11. **What did Jesus say was the greatest and the second greatest commandment? vv. 36-40 Write a brief answer in your own words.** 1. love the Lord they God with all they heart, soul, mind, and strength. 2 Love they neighbor as thyself. Both easy to say, but hard to do. Notice that to love others one first must love ones self.
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CHAPTER 23 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **According to Jesus, why did the scribes and the Pharisees do their works? v. 5** all their works they do for to be seen of men
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2. **In reality, what position should be taken by the greatest among us? v. 11** e that is greatest among you shall be your servant... remember Jesus' example was to serve in humbleness.
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3. **In verses 13-36 Jesus pronounced "woes" upon the scribes and Pharisees. Write the verse reference (numbers only) that contain the word "woe" in these verses.** 23:14,14,15,16,23,25,27,29
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4. Even though Jesus pronounced a scathing judgment upon the Jewish leadership, what illustration does He use that indicates His love and compassion for Israel? v. 37 _____
he would have gathered them as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.. But they would not.
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CHAPTER 24 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What warning did Jesus give His disciples when they asked Him about future events? v. 4 _____
Take heed that no man deceive you.
2. In verses 5-7 Jesus described many things that would come upon the earth before His return. What did He say about them in verse 8? _____
All these are the beginning of sorrows... Just the beginning
3. What promise did the Lord give to those who will endure (stand firm) until the end? v. 13 _____
he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved

In verse 15 Jesus mentioned the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by the prophet Daniel. (Dan. 8:9-13) This refers to the time when the antichrist will set himself up in the house of God to be worshiped. (II Thess. 2:3,4; Rev. 13:4-6,15,16) The prophecy of Daniel was partially fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes in 175-164 B.C. However, since Jesus referred to this event in Matthew 24:15, we understand that the complete fulfillment of this prophecy was, and still is, in the future.

4. During the time that many Bible scholars call the "Great Tribulation," deception will be on the increase. Who will arise (or appear) to try and deceive the very "elect"? v. 24 _____
there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect
5. What will the antichrist use during this tribulation period to try and deceive people? II Thess. 2:9 _____
all power and signs and lying wonders.
6. The Bible says those who are deceived will perish, but first what will they reject that would cause them to be saved? II Thess. 2:10 _____
they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
7. According to Matthew 24:27, in what manner will the coming of the Son of man be? _____
as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
8. When all the tribes or nations of the earth see the coming of the Son of man, how shall He appear to them? v. 30 _____
and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
9. What truth about the coming of the Son of man should we learn from the parable (lesson) of the fig tree? vv. 32,33 _____
when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors... Pay attention to the seasons, and the fulfillment of prophecy.

Many have tried to figure out and predict the time of the end of this age or the coming of the Lord, only to fail. The sad part of these false predictions is that they often leave the people who have believed them disappointed, disillusioned and confused, often to the point of giving up following Christ.

10. **Who is the only person who knows when Jesus shall return? v. 36** but my Father only.. Father God.
11. **Read verses 37-39 and describe in your own words Matthew's description of the conditions on the earth at the time of the coming of the Son of man.** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
It will be life as normal... nobody will even really notice the season, except those who are looking for it.
12. **In light of such things, what is Jesus' exhortation to His people? v. 42** Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
13. **What did Jesus tell His people to do and why? vv. 42,44** Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
14. **What will the faithful servant be doing when his lord (master) returns, and what will be that servant's reward? vv. 45-47** Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
Doing what it is that the Lord has asked him to do. Watch and Pray, rule your house well, be a witness...
15. **Describe in your own words what will happen to him who does not look for his master's return. vv. 50,51** And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. The Lord will cut them away from life... He will instead go where the dead go, Lots of Pain and suffering there, a place without love.

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This chapter is really a continuation of the narrative of the previous chapter. Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven during the events of Mt. 24:48-51 by relating the parable of the ten virgins. Read Mt. 25:1-13 and then answer the following nine questions.

- How many virgins went forth to meet the bridegroom? ten virgins
- How many were wise? five And how many were foolish? five
- Why were the foolish so considered? v. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them
- Why were the others considered wise? But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps
- How many of the virgins were asleep? they all slumbered and slept
- When the cry was made at midnight that the bridegroom was coming, what difficulty did the foolish virgins encounter? And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out thier lamps had gone out... Our light will not continue to burn without the Holy Ghost..
- Where did the foolish virgins turn for the solution to their difficulty? And the foolish said unto the wise

8. **What was the response to the foolish virgins' petition and what was the reasoning for such a response?** the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.. Curious response... The oil is something that the wise virgins could give?
9. **What were the foolish virgins instructed to do, and what happened while they were following these instructions?** go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut
10. **Read Mt. 7:21-23 and 25:11,12 and briefly describe the similarities of these two portions of scripture.** putting the two together, i would say that it is the Fathers will for us to come to the wedding in the proper attire, with oil in our lamps. Also to be prepared, don't put it off, but get right with God now... Also many might think that service to the Lord is enough, here we see that many will have done service, but were still unprepared. This robe this oil, it seems very important to me..
11. **What action could have prevented the serious consequences the foolish virgins encountered? v. 13 Also see Mt. 24:42,44.** Watch and be ready... A little vague required research.. be looking for Jesus' return, yes, but knowing what it means to be ready, this requires some research. Be filled with HG, be in prayer, be in fellwship....etc
- Jesus later describes the kingdom of heaven by relating the parable of the talents. Read verses 14-30 and then answer the following six questions.**
12. **How many talents were given to each of the servants, and what was it that determined how many talents each servant received?** unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability.. The ability to wield the talents is what decides how much He gives.
13. **What did one of the servants do with that which he had received from his master? v. 18** He went off and barried it, he hid it, so that he could return it.. I guess he didn't trust himself not to use it away, but in hiding it this is just what he did.
14. **Describe in your own words what the other two servants did with the talents they had received from their lord and master.** These put it to "usary" and doubled there money. The didn't hide it, they used it for Gods glory. Each talent.. here a talent is money, are we using our money for Gods glory?, Of course Talent can also mean it name .. Talents, Are we hiding our talent.. Notice the one that was taken was little to him who had 10, but everything to him who had only one.
15. **What did the master of the two servants say to them when he returned? vv. 21,23** Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord
16. **What did the lord and master call the servant who failed to invest the talent he received? v. 26** Thou wicked and slothful servant
17. **What is to be the final destination of unfaithful and wicked servants? v. 30 (Also see Mt. 24:48,51.)** cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. I hate darkness and definitely do not want to be there.

18. For what reasons were the sheep nations invited by the king to inherit the kingdom prepared for them? vv. 35,36
- For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat
 - I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink
 - I was a stranger, and ye took me in
 - Naked, and ye clothed me
 - I was sick, and ye visited me
 - I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
19. How did the king answer their questions posed in verses 38 and 39? v. 40
Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
20. What is the final destination of those who do nothing when they see people in need? v. 46
Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

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- What were the chief priests, scribes and elders planning on doing to Jesus? vv. 3,4
that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him
- In your own words, describe what happened while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. vv. 6-13
A woman having an alabaster box of perfume came and poured it on Jesus. It was very expensive perfume, some of the Disciples complained about it being poured out saying that it could have been sold to feed the poor.
I have heard it preached that it was Judas, but here the scripture jus says some of the disciples.. Many times we as christians revert back to our worldly view of things, not believing for miracles, or the works of God, but only seeing naturally.
Here surely the real food was the crucifixion and resurrection, but worldly sight ministered only limited vision.
- Describe the actions and plans of Judas Iscariot as related in verses 14-16.
Never under estimate the power of money. Judas one of Jesus' chosen sold out his own true forune along with selling out Jesus, for a mere 30 pieces of silver (not even gold), eventually costing his life and salvation, even though he gave the silver back. "I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver, from that time on he sought to betray him."
- Verses 17 to 29 describe the last Passover feast that Jesus ate with His disciples when He instituted the Lord's Supper. When did Jesus say that He would next drink of the fruit of the vine? v. 29
I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom
- In the garden of Gethsemane, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do? vv. 36,38
Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder--- tarry ye here, and watch with me.
- When Jesus came back to His disciples after having spent three different seasons in prayer, what did He find them doing each time? vv. 39-46
Sleeping
- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in verse 41, and what was the reason for doing it?
Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation

8. **What is it that hinders one from doing what Jesus told His disciples to do in verse 41?** _____
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
9. **Who was it that betrayed Jesus and in what manner did he do it? vv. 47-50** _____
Judas came with a great multitude with swords and staves, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast."
10. **Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, and what did Jesus do about it? vv. 51,52 (Also see John 18:10,11 and Luke 22:50,51.)** _____
Simon Peter having a sword drew it and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus touched his ear, and healed him.
11. **What did Jesus say that He could do if He wanted to defend Himself? v. 53** _____
Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels
12. **Read verses 58, 69-75 again and describe, in your own words, Peter's actions.** _____
Peter was confronted three times about be with Jesus, the first time he just denied it, the second time he denied it with an oath, the third time the evidence that His speech betrayed him as a follower of Jesus (This is a great testimony) however, Peter then cursed and swore using fowl language then denied him a third time. Since Peter used the profanity as the world does to rebut the accusation that his speech betrayed his as a follower, it is apparent that followers of Christ Jesus do not use profanity, but say what they mean very clearly, yes means yes and no means no.

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After Judas saw that Jesus was condemned and did not use His power to deliver Himself out of the hands of the Jewish elders, he was filled with remorse and tried to give back the pieces of silver. The chief priests indicated that it was his own (Judas') responsibility. (v. 4) Later Judas was so filled with guilt that he took his own life. The final outcome of Judas stands in stark contract to Peter's experience of denial. The reason for this, no doubt, is that Peter had a personal spiritual relationship with Jesus. (Luke 5:8; Mt. 16:16; John 21:15-17)

1. **The chief priests were concerned that putting the money Judas returned money back into the temple treasury was against their law. What other laws were they breaking that apparently did not concern them? Mt. 26:4,59; Ex. 20:13,16** _____
Thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not bare false witness, Thou shalt not covet or envy.. as in verse 27:18 "For he knew that for envy they had delivered him..."

Read verses 11-26 and then answer the next five questions.

2. **After Pilate, the governor, had examined Jesus the accused, whom did he desire to release?** _____
He wanted to release "Jesus I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."
3. **Whom did Pilate release?** _____
Barrabbas, because the crowd would not let him release Jesus
4. **When Pilate sat down in the judgment seat, what counsel did he receive and who gave it? v. 19** _____
his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man:
5. **What was the reason indicated for giving such counsel? v. 19** _____
for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him

6. **Whom did Pilate and the multitude of Jews say would be responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus?**
Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.
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7. **It was customary to write down the charge of the condemned and place it on his cross. What was the written accusation against Jesus? v. 37** This Is Jesus The King Of The Jews.
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8. **When Jesus died on the cross, what happened in the temple? v. 51** _____
the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom
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9. **After viewing the crucifixion from a very close perspective, what was the testimony of the Roman centurion about Jesus? v. 54** Truly this was the Son of God.
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10. **Read verses 57-60 and then describe in your own words the actions of Joseph of Arimathea.** _____
Joseph of Arimathea begged Pilate for the body of Jesus for burial, Pilate gave it to him, he then buried it in a new tomb that was carved into a rock, other places in scripture say this was his own tomb, since it would only be used by Jesus for three days He only needed to borrow one for a short time.
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11. **What promise had Jesus made that concerned the Jewish leaders? v. 63** _____
After three days I will rise again.

The Jewish leaders remembered the words of Jesus concerning His resurrection and apparently believed He would do it. However, believers sometimes are slow to believe even after the event has taken place.

12. **What caused the women at the tomb to remember Jesus' words and believe? Luke 24:4-8** _____
The Angels reminded them of the words of Jesus, "remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."
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13. **What was the response of the 11 disciples to the news of the resurrection of Jesus? Luke 24:11**
their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not... But the leaders believed enough to put all those soldiers at the tomb.. amazing
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14. **After Jesus was dead and buried, what request did the chief priests and the Pharisees make of Pilate? vv. 62-64** that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day
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15. **What was Pilate's answer? v. 65** Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.
66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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1. **Who were the first ones to come to the tomb on the first day of the week? v. 1** _____
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
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2. **What happened when the angel of the Lord came to the tomb; what was the angel like, and how did the angel affect the keepers (guards) of the tomb? vv. 2-4**
a. there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (Please continue answers on the next page.)

b. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

c. the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

3. **What did the angel say had happened to Jesus, and what did he tell the women to do? vv. 5-7**

Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him

4. **What did the chief priests do to perpetuate the lie denying the resurrection of Jesus? vv. 11-15**

they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

5. **What happened when the disciples saw Jesus in Galilee? v. 17**

they worshipped him: but some doubted.

6. **What did Jesus say was given unto Him? v. 18**

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

7. **What did Jesus tell His followers to do, and where were they to go to fully obey His words? v. 19**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

8. **What were they to teach them to observe (obey)? v. 20**

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you

9. **What is the promise that Jesus gave to His disciples and to all His followers in Matthew 28:20?**

and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

This concludes the study of the gospel according to Matthew. We trust that you will continue to remember and meditate upon the spiritual truths found in this wonderful gospel. You are encouraged to keep your completed studies in a safe place for future reference. Review them from time to time for your continued spiritual edification.

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