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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 _____

2. What did Jesus say defiles (makes unclean) a man? v. 11 _____

3. According to Jesus, what is the origin of that which comes out of our mouth? v. 18 _____
4. What comes (proceeds) out of the heart? v. 19 _____

5. What does the prophet Jeremiah have to say about the heart? Jer. 17:9 _____

6. Why did the Canaanite woman come to Jesus? v. 22 _____

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. _____

8. ^{healing.} 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 _____

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 _____

10. What was the response of the people when they saw the miracles? v. 31 _____

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.) _____

12. How much bread (loaves) did Jesus have to start with and how much was left over? vv. 36,37 _____

13. How many did Jesus feed this time? v. 38 _____

CHAPTER 16 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who came to Jesus seeking a sign from heaven? v. 1 _____
2. What did Jesus call those who were seeking a sign from heaven? v. 4 _____

Read the following scriptures and then answer what we are to seek instead of signs.

3. II Chronicles 7:14 _____
4. II Chronicles 30:19 _____
5. John 12:21 _____
6. John 7:37 _____
7. Luke 11:9,13 _____
8. Against what did Jesus warn His disciples? Mt. 16:6 _____

9. Against what was Jesus really warning them? v. 12 _____

10. What two questions did Jesus ask His disciples? vv. 13,15 _____

11. What was Peter's response and from where did he receive this revelation? vv. 16,17 _____

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 _____

13. After Jesus' marvelous commendation of Peter in verse 18, what did He call Peter in verse 23? _____

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 _____

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? _____

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 _____

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 _____

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? _____

CHAPTER 17 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who was with Jesus and witnessed His transfiguration? v. 1 _____

2. As always, Peter had something to say about the experience. What did Peter say? v. 4 _____

3. In what way did the heavenly Father confirm the identity of His son? v. 5 _____

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? _____

5. What did the disciples need to do in order to be able to cast out demons of that kind? _____

6. When Jesus was asked to pay a temple tax, what transpired? vv. 24-27 Answer in your own words. _____

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 _____

2. Who does one receive when he receives (welcomes) a little child in Jesus' name? v. 5 _____
3. Why should we be careful and not offend nor cause to sin one of the little ones who believe in Jesus? v. 6 _____

4. For what reason does Jesus indicate that we should not despise nor look down upon one of "these little ones"? v. 10 _____

5. In the parable of the Lost Sheep (vv. 12-14), why did the man leave the 99 sheep in the fold? v. 14 _____

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. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

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? _____

8. How many times did Jesus say that we are to forgive those who sin against us? _____
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.** _____

b. _____

c. _____

10. What did Jesus say would happen to us if we do not forgive our brothers from our hearts their trespasses? v. 35 _____

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 _____

2. Why did the Pharisees come to Jesus and ask Him questions about divorce? v. 3 _____

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 _____

4. Why were the little children brought to Jesus? v. 13 _____

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

6. What was Jesus' response? v. 14 _____

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 _____

8. What was the response of the young man? v. 22 _____

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 _____

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 _____

11. The disciples were amazed at Jesus' words. What did Jesus respond to their question: Who then can be saved? v. 26 _____

12. What promise did Jesus give to those who have forsaken all to follow Him? v. 29 _____

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. _____

2. As Jesus and His disciples were going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took them aside. What did He explain to them? vv. 18,19 _____

3. What did the mother of James and John (sons of Zebedee) ask of Jesus? v. 21 _____

4. What did Jesus say that he who desired to be great should become? vv. 26,27 _____

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 _____

6. What did the two blind men do after being told what to do by the crowd? v. 31 _____

7. What did Jesus then do? vv. 32-34 _____

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. _____

2. When Jesus entered the temple, what did He do and what did He say? vv. 12,13 _____

3. What did Jesus do with the blind and the lame who came to Him in the temple? v. 14 _____

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. _____

5. What was the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees when they heard the children praising Jesus? v. 15 _____

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 _____

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 _____

8. What is the key to receiving what we ask in prayer? v. 22 _____

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.) _____

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 _____

11. The Parable of the Husbandman (landholder) and his Tenants: vv. 33-43 _____

12. Whom did the Pharisees perceive that Jesus was talking about, and what did they want to do with Jesus? vv. 45,46 _____

13. What prevented the Jewish leaders at that time from doing with Jesus what they desired in their hearts to do? v. 46 _____

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 _____

2. What was the response of the ones invited to the wedding feast? v. 5 _____

3. What did they do with the king's servants? v. 6 _____

4. How did the king react to this treatment of his servants? v. 7 _____

5. Why was the individual who came to the wedding feast rejected, and what happened to him? vv. 11-13 _____

6. How many were called (invited) and how many were chosen? v. 14 _____
7. When the Pharisees asked Jesus about paying taxes, what were they trying to do? vv. 15,18 _____
8. When the Pharisees and Jesus looked at the Roman coin, what question did Jesus ask them and what did they respond? v. 21 _____
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 _____

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 of 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 _____

11. What did Jesus say was the greatest and the second greatest commandment? vv. 36-40 Write a brief answer in your own words. _____

CHAPTER 23 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. According to Jesus, why did the scribes and the Pharisees do their works? v. 5 _____
2. In reality, what position should be taken by the greatest among us? v. 11 _____
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. _____

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 _____

CHAPTER 24 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What warning did Jesus give His disciples when they asked Him about future events? v. 4 _____

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? _____

3. What promise did the Lord give to those who will endure (stand firm) until the end? v. 13 _____

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 _____

5. What will the antichrist use during this tribulation period to try and deceive people? II Thess. 2:9 _____

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 _____

7. According to Matthew 24:27, in what manner will 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 _____

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 _____

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 _____
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. _____

12. In light of such things, what is Jesus' exhortation to His people? v. 42 _____

13. What did Jesus tell His people to do and why? vv. 42,44 _____

14. What will the faithful servant be doing when his lord (master) returns, and what will be that servant's reward? vv. 45-47 _____

15. Describe in your own words what will happen to him who does not look for his master's return. vv. 50,51 _____

CHAPTER 25 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

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.

1. How many virgins went forth to meet the bridegroom? _____
2. How many were wise? _____ And how many were foolish? _____
3. Why were the foolish so considered? v. 3 _____
4. Why were the others considered wise? _____
5. How many of the virgins were asleep? _____
6. When the cry was made at midnight that the bridegroom was coming, what difficulty did the foolish virgins encounter? _____

7. Where did the foolish virgins turn for the solution to their difficulty? _____

8. What was the response to the foolish virgins' petition and what was the reasoning for such a response? _____

9. What were the foolish virgins instructed to do, and what **happened while** they were following these instructions? _____

10. Read Mt. 7:21-23 and 25:11,12 and briefly describe the **similarities of these two portions** of scripture. _____

11. What action could have prevented the serious consequences the foolish virgins **encountered?** v. 13 Also see Mt. 24:42,44. _____

- 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? _____

13. What did one of the servants do with that which he had received from his master? v. 18 _____

14. Describe in your own words what the other two servants did with the talents **they had received** from their lord and master. _____

15. What did the master of the two servants say to them when he **returned?** vv. 21,23 _____

16. What did the lord and master call the servant who **failed to invest the talent he received?** v. 26 _____

17. What is to be the final destination of unfaithful and wicked servants? v. 30 (Also see Mt. 24:48,51.) _____

18. For what reasons were the sheep nations invited by the king to inherit the kingdom prepared for them? vv. 35,36 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____
 d. _____
 e. _____
 f. _____
19. How did the king answer their questions posed in verses 38 and 39? v. 40 _____

20. What is the final destination of those who do nothing when they see people in need? v. 46 _____

CHAPTER 26 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What were the chief priests, scribes and elders planning on doing to Jesus? vv. 3,4 _____

2. In your own words, describe what happened while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. vv. 6-13 _____

3. Describe the actions and plans of Judas Iscariot as related in verses 14-16. _____

4. 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 _____

5. In the garden of Gethsemane, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do? vv. 36,38 _____

6. 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 _____
7. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in verse 41, and what was the reason for doing it? _____

8. What is it that hinders one from doing what Jesus told His disciples to do in verse 41? _____

9. Who was it that betrayed Jesus and in what manner did he do it? vv. 47-50 _____

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.) _____

11. What did Jesus say that He could do if He wanted to defend Himself? v. 53 _____

12. Read verses 58, 69-75 again and describe, in your own words, Peter's actions. _____

CHAPTER 27 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

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 contrast 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 _____

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?

3. Whom did Pilate release? _____
4. When Pilate sat down in the judgment seat, what counsel did he receive and who gave it? v. 19

5. What was the reason indicated for giving such counsel? v. 19 _____

6. Whom did Pilate and the multitude of Jews say would be responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus?

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

8. When Jesus died on the cross, what happened in the temple? v. 51

9. After viewing the crucifixion from a very close perspective, what was the testimony of the Roman centurion about Jesus? v. 54

10. Read verses 57-60 and then describe in your own words the actions of Joseph of Arimathea.

11. What promise had Jesus made that concerned the Jewish leaders? v. 63

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

13. What was the response of the 11 disciples to the news of the resurrection of Jesus? Luke 24:11

14. After Jesus was dead and buried, what request did the chief priests and the Pharisees make of Pilate? vv. 62-64

15. What was Pilate's answer? v. 65

CHAPTER 28 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who were the first ones to come to the tomb on the first day of the week? v. 1

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. _____

(Please continue answers on the next page.)

b. _____

c. _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

I have answered all the questions to the best of my ability.

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