

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39

MATTHEW

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MATTHEW 1

1. What is the important subject found in verses 1-16?

2. Why is Jesus called the Son of David, and the Son of Abraham?

3. How many generations are there from Abraham to Jesus?

4. What is the main subject of verses 18-25?

5. Find as many qualities of Joseph's life as you can find in verses 19-25.

6. What two important facts are found in verse 21? concerning Christ?

7. What Old Testament verse is quoted in verses 22 and 23?

8. What do the two names given for the Lord mean?

9. Why is each of these names so important?

MATTHEW 2

1. What is the main subject of verses 1-12?
2. Find and state the actions of the wise men.
3. What Old Testament verse is quoted in verse 6?
4. Search for additional facts concerning the wise men other than those found in the Bible.
5. What key truth do we find mentioned in verses 8-21?
6. What do the three gifts brought by the wise men represent in relation to Christ?
7. How many prophecies can you find fulfilled in this chapter?
8. In what cities or countries do we find Christ in this chapter?
9. Why is each of these names so important?

MATTHEW 3

1. What important person greets us in Chapter 3?
2. Look in Malachi 3 and Luke 3 to find and list facts about John the Baptist.
3. How would you describe John the Baptist?
4. What is the exhortation of verse 8?
5. What specific quality does John exhibit in verse 11?
6. What is the main subject of verses 13-17?
7. What do we learn about baptism from Jesus' example?
8. What did John experience at the baptism of Jesus?

MATTHEW 4

1. What is important about how Jesus was led into the wilderness?
2. What is significant about 40 days?
3. What do you find interesting about the area of Satan's attacks?
4. List the areas of Satan's attack on Christ.
5. What do you know about Satan's quote of scripture in verse 6 and what does this show about Satan and God's Word?
6. Locate the Old Testament scriptures that Jesus quoted.
7. What does the use of scripture by Jesus teach us?
8. What Old Testament passage was fulfilled in verses 14-16?
9. What was Jesus' message in verse 17?

10. Which disciples were called in verses 18-22?

11. List the characteristics that were found in those whom Jesus called to be disciples, which characteristics should be found in every Christian?

12. Describe the Lord's ministry and its effect in verses 23-25.

MATTHEW 5

1. From what location is Jesus speaking in this chapter?

2. What is the meaning of "blessed"?

3. Give a brief statement about each of the nine "Blesseds".

4. What should be the attitude of believers who suffer for Christ's sake?

5. Find the two illustrations of the Christian's life and explain them.

6. Explain verse 17.

7. What great truth are we given in verse 18 and find other verses that support this great promise.

8. What was the Lord's teaching in verse 20 and why did He use the Scribes and Pharisees?

9. What is significant about the words, "But I say unto you" in verses 22 and 34?

10. What important lesson are we given in verses 23-24?

11. With what area of the Pharisees and Scribes was Jesus dealing?

12. What is wrong about swearing in verses 33-37?

13. What was Jesus teaching in verses 38-42?

14. What was Jesus teaching in verses 43-48?

15. What is the exhortation and its meaning in verse 48?

MATTHEW 6

1. What are we to learn about giving and helping verses 1-4?
2. How and what are we told about praying in verses 5-9?
3. Analyze the Lord's prayer in verses 9-13.
4. What is so dangerous about an unforgiving spirit?
5. List what you know about fasting.
6. What are we told about our treasures?
7. What are we warned about in verse 23?
8. What truth and comfort are we given in verses 25-34?
9. What is the key to receiving God's blessings in these verses?

MATTHEW 7

1. What are we taught about judging?
2. What is wrong with the way the people were judging one another?
3. Are Christians ever to judge and if so, by what rule?
4. What is the subject of verse 6?
5. What are the lessons we learn about prayer in verses 7-11?
6. How is verse 7 often referred to?
7. Explain verses 13 and 14.
8. Who are the people referred to in verses 15-20?
9. Find the qualities of the "true" and the "false" prophets in verses 15-20.

10. What is the evidence of the true believer?

11. What is sad about many who did things in Jesus' Name?

12. What defines a wise man and what are his actions?

13. How did the Lord's teaching affect the people?

14. What characteristic describes the Lord's teaching above others?

MATTHEW 8

1. Explain what you think the Lord meant by His question in verse 2.

2. What is special about the Lord's dealing with this leper and any other lepers that you know of?

3. Why did Jesus tell the leper not to tell others what happened?

4. What things do you find interesting about the Centurion?

5. What spiritual truth do we see from Peter's mother-in-law after she was healed?

6. What prophecy is fulfilled in verse 17?

7. What did Jesus mean by "let the dead bury the dead" in verse 22?

8. What did Jesus mean "why are ye fearful O ye of little faith" in verse 26?

9. What facts did the demons acknowledge about Jesus in verse 29?

10. What is sad but evident about the people who came out of the city in verse 34?

MATTHEW 9

1. Whose faith brought healing to the lame man?

2. Why was Jesus accused of being a blasphemer?

3. Why did Jesus heal the man?
4. What is the meaning of Jesus' statement in verse 12?
5. What was Jesus teaching in verse 15?
6. What was the key to the woman's healing in verses 20-26?
7. Jesus is accused of using what power to cast out devils?
8. How is our work described and what are we admonished to do in verses 30-38.

MATTHEW 10

1. Name the twelve disciples.
2. List facts given the disciples as they were sent out.
3. What encouraging fact are we given in verses 19 and 20?

4. What is Jesus teaching His disciples in verse 25?
5. What do we learn from verses 29 through 31?
6. What truth are we given in verses 37 and 38?

MATTHEW 11

1. What do you think made John the Baptist ask the question in verse 3?
2. What did Jesus do and say to John's disciples in verse 4?
3. Tell how Jesus described John in verse 7.
4. What prophecy is quoted in verse 10?
5. What compliment did Jesus give John the Baptist in verse 11?
6. How was Jesus described in verse 19?

7. What two cities did John rebuke in verse 21?
8. What rebuke and judgment did Jesus state about Capernaum?
9. What lesson does Jesus teach us concerning judgment in verses 20-24?
10. What do we learn about Revelation in verses 25-27?
11. List what Jesus invites man to come unto Him and find?

MATTHEW 12

1. What were the Pharisees disputing with Jesus about?
2. What is Jesus teaching?
3. What is the Lord teaching in verses 10-13?
4. What is Jesus accused of in verses 22-23?

5. What is Jesus teaching as He is being accused of performing miracles in the name of Satan?

6. What is Jesus teaching in verse 30?

7. What is the unforgivable sin?

8. How does a person commit the unpardonable sin?

9. What does the last phrase of verse 32 teach us?

10. Where does all sin come from according to verse 34?

11. What does Jesus mean in verses 36 and 37 concerning idle words?

12. Why did Jesus refuse to show the Pharisees another sign?

13. What was the significant lesson that Jesus was teaching by referring to Jonah and the fish?

14. Why did Jesus use both Jonah and the Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba as examples?

15. What do we learn from verses 43-45?

16. Who is truly related to Jesus according to verses 46-50?

MATTHEW 13

This chapter has been called a living day in the life of our Lord. This is a turning point in Jesus ministry as He is seeing signs of His rejection. In this chapter Jesus uses parables to teach truth concerning the church.

1. What is a parable?

2. Why did Jesus use parables in His teaching? (v. 10-17).

3. Find the seven parables that Jesus used and define each.

1) The parable of _____. (vs. 3-9)
What does it mean? (vs. 18-23)

2) The parable of the _____. (vs. 24-30)
What does it mean? (vs. 36-43)

3) The parable of the _____. (vs. 31-32)
What does it mean?

4) The parable of the _____ (vs. 33-35)
What does it mean?

5) The parable of the _____. (v.44)
What does it mean?

6) The parable of the _____. (vs. 45-46)
What does it mean?

7) The parable of the _____. (vs. 47-50)
What does it mean?

4. What is meant by "mysteries"?

5. What were the reactions to Jesus' teaching in His own country?

1) v. 54?

2) vs. 55-56?

3) v. 57?

6. What did Jesus mean in verse 57?

MATTHEW 14

1. Who did Herod think Jesus was and why? (vs. 1-2)

2. Why did Herod put John the Baptist in prison? (vs. 3-5)

3. Why did Herod have John killed? (vs. 6-12)

4. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to feed the multitude?
(vs. 13-16)

5. Why did the disciples respond as they did? (vs. 16-17)

6. What were Jesus' actions and results? (vs. 19-21)

7. Jesus sends the disciples away in a ship and what were the results? (vs. 22-24).

8. What spiritual lessons can we learn from Jesus and the storm?

9. What is a truth we learn from Jesus walking on the water?

10. What do we learn from Peter and this situation? (vs. 28-31)

11. What great truth did the disciples learn about Jesus? (vs. 32-33)

MATTHEW 15

1. Who are the ones who are confronting the Lord in verse 1?

2. What was the complaint of Jesus' accusers in verses 2 and 3?

3. What did the Jews consider as great as God's Word?

4. What are some traditions believed by professing Christians today which are not biblical?

5. How did the Lord respond to the accusers in verses 3 and 4?

6. What does the word "corban" mean? (See Mark 7:11)

7. What was wrong with offering such a gift to God?

8. In what three ways did Jesus describe these religious people in verses 7-9?

9. The things which defile a person come from where in verses 10-20?

10. Locate other verses in the New Testament which deal with man's natural heart.

11. Why did Jesus speak to the woman of Canaan as He did in verses 21-28?

12. How long had the multitude been with Jesus in verse 32?

13. How much food was found with which to feed the multitude?

14. Find and compare the differences between the two great feedings of Matthew 15:32-39 and John 6:1-14?

15. Find in chapter 16 proof that there were two great feedings by the Lord in verses 6-10.

16. List all the facts and applications you can find concerning these feedings in verses 32-39.

17. Why should the disciples have been able to feed the multitudes as Jesus commanded them?

MATTHEW 16

1. Find the differences of beliefs between the Pharisees and Sadducees.

2. What two biblical events is the Lord referring to and rebuking His accusers for not knowing in verses 2-4?

3. What is meant by the leaven of the Pharisees in verse 6?

4. How is the disciples' lack of faith shown in verse 7?

5. What were the disciples failing to remember when it was evening and time to eat in verses 6-12?

6. Who did the people believe that Jesus was in verses 13- 16?

7. How did Peter come to know the truth about Jesus' identity in verses 15-17?

8. Define what you find in verses 18-20.

9. What is meant by "keys to the kingdom" in verse 19?

10. What is meant by the phrase "the gates of hell shall not prevail against the kingdom of God in verse 18?

11. What is meant by "loose" and "bind" in verse 19?

12. Why did Jesus say to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan"?

13. What is essential to following Jesus in verse 24?

14. Explain how one saves or loses his life in verse 25.

15. Give a one word answer to the question in verse 26.

16. What great promise are we given in verse 27?

17. When and how was this promise fulfilled and to whom in verse 28?

MATTHEW 17

1. Who did Jesus take with him into the mount and why?

2. What very special event took place?

3. Who from the O. T. was on the mount also?

4. What did Moses and Elijah represent and what was the message for the disciples?

5. What was God teaching the disciples by His words in v. 5?

6. Describe Jesus in His transfiguration?

7. How did God appear on the mount?

8. Describe the disciples at Jesus presence and God's voice?

9. How did the appearance of God on Mt. Sinai differ from His presence on the Mt. of Transfiguration?

10. What did Jesus do for the disciples?

11. Find the O. T. passage that the scribes were very likely referring to in verse 10.

12. Who did Jesus say would come in the power of Elijah?

13. What event took place involving the disciples and Jesus?

14. Why couldn't the disciples heal the person?

15. What was the Lord seeking to teach His disciples in verses 20-21?

16. What do we see lacking in the disciples' knowledge in verses 22-23?

17. What does Jesus teach Peter about the tax situation?

MATTHEW 18

1. What important subject arises here?

2. What is the necessary quality to have before one can enter the kingdom of heaven?

3. What are the disciples warned about?

4. What two ways does Jesus warn man about sinning?

5. What is Jesus teaching in verses 8 and 9?

6. Explain verse 10.

7. Support verse 11 with other texts.

8. What great truth are we given in verses 11-14?

9. How are we as Christians to deal with someone who has wronged us?

10. What are verses 18 and 19 teaching?

11. How often or much should one Christian forgive another?

12. What lessons on forgiveness are we taught in verses 23-25?

MATTHEW 19

1. Why did the Pharisees confront Jesus on the subject of divorce in verse 3?

2. From what passage did Jesus quote in giving His answer in verses 4-6?

3. For what reason did Moses give a writing of divorce in verses 7-8?

4. Give three reasons from verses 10-12 why some men were eunuchs?

5. What lessons do we find in verses 13-15?

6. What was Jesus teaching vconcerning Himself in verse 17?

7. What are we warned about in verse 16?

8. What fact did Jesus point out in verses 21-22?

9. Explain Jesus' words in verses 23-24.

10. Why did the disciples ask the question in verse 25?

11. What two things found in verse 27 are all Christians expected to do?

12. What answer did Jesus give the disciples in verses 28-30?

13. What truth are we given in verse 30?

MATTHEW 20

1. What do you believe that this parable of the vineyard and laborers is all about?

2. Find the different hours that people come to Christ.

3. What great truth do we find about Christ in verse 7?

4. Who were Zebedee's children?

5. What did the mother ask Jesus for her sons in verse 21?

6. What was Jesus speaking of in his questions in verse 22?

7. What great attributes of Jesus do we find in verse 23?

8. What lesson do we learn from the mother and the two sons in verse 24?

9. What great and necessary quality did Jesus have according to verse 28?

10. What bad quality does the world have that Christians are not to have in verses 25-26?

11. What do you think prompted the disciples' mother to make her request to Jesus?

MATTHEW 21

1. What is Jesus doing in going up to Jerusalem at this time?

2. The actions of Jesus in verses 2-11 are fulfilling what two O. T. verses?

3. What was missing in the people's identification of Jesus?

4. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple?

5. What was a key factor for the temple cleansing?

6. What is significant about Bethany?

7. What was the condition of the fig tree?

8. Who and what did Jesus use the fig tree to illustrate?
9. What are the key factors in getting things from God?
10. In what areas do the scribes attack Jesus?
11. Why did Jesus use John the Baptist in dealing with the religious leaders?
12. Who do the two sons in verses 20-32 represent?
13. What is the message in verses 28-32?
14. Define what you believe the parable of the "wicked husbandman" means in verses 33-46.
15. What was the response of the people to the parable?

MATTHEW 22

1. What parable is Jesus using to teach?

2. How was the invitation to the marriage received in verse 2 and in verse 5?

3. How were the messengers (servants) treated in verse 6?

4. How did the king treat those rejecting his invitation?

5. What command did the king give to his servants in verses 8 and 9?

6. What message is given in verses 11-14?

7. What was the motive of the Pharisees in verse 15?

8. What did the Pharisees question Jesus about in verse 15?

9. What three facts did the Pharisees recognize about Jesus in verse 16?

10. What truth did Jesus teach in verse 21?

11. What biblical doctrine did the Sadducees reject?

12. What question does verse 30 settle?

13. Jesus was seeking to get the Sadducees to realize that God is the God of whom in verses 31-32?

14. What is the greatest commandment according to Jesus in verses 32-33?

15. What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees and Sadducees?

16. What verse did Jesus quote in verse 44?

17. Find in Hebrews where verse 44 is fulfilled.

MATTHEW 23

1. Who sat in Moses' seat?

2. What did Jesus accuse the religious leaders of doing?

3. Find other N. T. verses that deal with people like those above.
4. What did Jesus mean in verse 4?
5. Why did the Scribes and Pharisees do religious things?
6. Find a N.T. verse to say we have our reward when we do as they did.
7. Define what phylacteries and borders were.
8. Name four things these religious leaders desired in verses 6-7.
9. Why were the disciples not to be called Rabbi?
10. What does verse 9 mean "call no man father"?
11. What is meant by verse 10?
12. Explain verse 12 and give other verses to support it.

13. How did the Pharisees shut up heaven?

14. Explain verse 15.

15. Explain verse 16.

16. What strong words did Jesus use in describing these religious leaders in verses 17-18?

17. What did Jesus say they were doing wrong in verses 18-19?

18. How did Jesus correct their wrong teaching in verses 20-21?

19. What did the Scribes and Pharisees do and not do in verse 23.

20. What is meant by verse 24?

21. Explain verse 25.

22. What illustration did Jesus use to describe these religious men?

22. What was the sad description and destination of these leaders?

23. What did Jesus say these leaders would do to those that He would send in verse 34?

24. What did Jesus say He would have done for these of Jerusalem in verse 33?

MATTHEW 24

1. What did Jesus predict would be destroyed in verses 1-2?

2. Where is Jesus at this time?

3. What three-fold question did the disciples ask in verse 3?

4. What did Jesus warn them about?

5. List the things that Jesus said would take place before His coming in verses 4-12.

6. What two promises did Jesus give the disciples in verses 13-14?

7. What warning did Jesus give in verses 15-20?
8. How is the Lord described as returning in verse 27?
9. How will the tribulation afflict Christians in verse 29?
10. Describe the appearance of Christ in verse 30.
11. Describe the Lord's actions in verse 31.
12. Explain the fig tree as a sign in verse 32.
13. What does "all these things" in verse 33 mean?
14. What does verse 34 mean?
15. What assurance does Jesus give concerning the fulfillment of all of these truths?
16. What does verse 36 teach us?

17. What illustration is given concerning the Lord's coming in verse 37?

18. What were those days like according to verses 38-39?

19. What is taught in verses 40 and 41?

20. What exhortation is given man concerning the tribulation in verses 42-46?

21. What is the sad ending of those without the above qualities?

MATTHEW 25

1. What is the subject and what is being illustrated in verse 1?

2. Which parable is the Lord using?

3. What kind of situation does this parable represent?

4. What were the actions of both the wise virgins and the foolish virgins and who do they represent?

5. What is the important lesson that Jesus is teaching in verses 10-13?
6. Which parable is used to describe accountability?
7. What does a "talent" represent?
8. Who does the "traveling man" represent?
9. What are the different number of talents given?
10. Find the key fact concerning each of our special abilities.
11. Tell what each man did with his talents.
12. What does verse 19 teach us? Find another verse to support this.
13. What important subject is mentioned in verse 31?

14. What will the Lord do at this time?

15. What is interesting about verse 34?

16. What gave evidence of those classified as sheep?

17. What was the final punishment for the goats?

18. Find other verses that speak of Hell being everlasting or eternal fire and how to have everlasting or eternal life.

MATTHEW 26

1. What Jewish feast was about to take place?

2. State all you know about this feast.

3. What event was about to take place concerning Jesus?

4. Name those involved in seeking Jesus' death in verse 3.

5. Who was high priest?

6. Where was Jesus and in whose house was he?

7. What special event took place concerning Jesus in verse 7?

8. Describe the disciple's reactions to this event in verses 8 and 9.

9. How did Jesus describe Mary's actions in verses 10-13?

10. Describe Judas' actions in verses 14-16.

11. What Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled with the amount given Judas?

12. What key truth did Jesus reveal in verse 18?

13. What sad fact did Jesus reveal in verses 21-25?

14. What did Jesus say about his betrayal?

15. What special event took place in verses 26-30?

16. What is meant by the words, "Take, eat this is my body" in verse 26?

17. What is taught and illustrated by the words in verse 27, "drink ye all of it"?

18. What three great facts are given by Christ about Himself in verses 31-32?

19. What warning are we given to guard against in verses 33-35?

20. Who did Jesus take with Him deeper into the garden and where else did these three go with Jesus? (Matthew 17)

21. What did Jesus request of the disciples in verse 38?

22. What did Jesus mean by the "cup"?

23. In Jesus' prayer what did He commit to the Father?

24. What striking question did Jesus ask the disciples?

25. What two facts did Jesus state concerning the disciples?

26. What was Judas' sign to identify Jesus?

27. What do you see important in the word, "Friend"?

28. Find all the truths and implied truths in verses 53-84.

29. Where was Jesus taken by the mob?

30. What did the high priest want Jesus to admit?

31. What three things did Jesus state to Caiaphas in verse 64?

32. What was Jesus accused of?

33. What was Jesus accused of being guilty of and how was He treated in verses 65-68?

34. Describe Peter's actions in verses 69-74.

35. What two things did Peter do in verse 75?

MATTHEW 27

1. What was the purpose of the council in verse 1?

2. Describe Judas' actions in verses 2 and 3.

3. How did Judas describe Jesus after he felt guilty?

4. What words show the harsh hearts of the leaders?

5. What do the words "when he saw that he was condemned" mean?

6. What does it mean that Judas repented?

7. What facts do we find in verses 5-8 about the money?
8. What prophecy did this event fulfill?
9. What question did Pilate ask Jesus?
10. What did Jesus mean by "thou sayest"?
11. What prisoner was released and why?
12. How did Pilate's wife describe Jesus?
13. Describe Pilate's actions showing that he thought Jesus was innocent.
14. Describe the actions of the soldiers toward Jesus in verses 26-31.
15. Who helped to carry the cross for Christ?

16. What was the name of the place where Christ was crucified?

17. What prophecy was fulfilled in verse 34?

18. What prophecy was fulfilled in verse 35?

19. What was the title placed over Christ on the cross? (Find other references to this subject.)

20. Find the actions and accusations against Christ in verses 39-44.

21. What hours and how many hours was Christ on the cross in verse 45?

22. Write your thoughts as to what is found in Christ's words "My God, My God why has thou forsaken me" in verse 46.

23. Compare verse 34 with verse 48.

24. What two important truths are stated in verse 50?

25. Describe the events that took place when Jesus died in verses 51-53.

26. What wonderful thing happened at the cross in verse 54?

27. Who was at the cross standing faithful to Jesus?

28. Who requested Jesus' body?

29. What facts do you find concerning Joseph?

30. What was Jesus called by the Pharisees?

31. What prophecy did these men remember Jesus mentioning?

32. How did the men seek to prevent Jesus prophecy from being fulfilled in verses 64-66?

MATTHEW 28

1. What is the KEY in verse 1 and the basis for the church to worship on Sunday?

2. Find other verses in the N. T. showing that the church changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.

3. What women were at the tomb first on resurrection morning?

4. How was the tomb opened?

5. What message did the angel give the women?

6. Explain the great truths of verse 6.

7. What three facts are given in verse 7?

8. What two qualities did the women have?

9. Compare Jesus words in verses 9 and 10 to the angel's words in verse 7.

10. What scheme was devised to refute Jesus' resurrection in verses 1-15?

11. What do you gather from the words in verse 15?

12. What qualities of the disciples are manifested in verse 16?

13. What is the common response of people even today found in verse 17?

14. What great truth is found in verse 18?

15. To whom are the commands of Jesus given in verses 19 and 20?

16. Why are the three members of the godhead used?

17. What three important responsibilities are given to the church in verses 19 and 20?

18. What is the most important fact of the great commission?

19. What encouraging promise does Jesus give us?