

Matthew #1

Chapter 1

- 1) Who are the two key people (direct ancestors of Jesus) in Jewish history, that received promises regarding their descendants in verse 1?
- 2) Verse 1 to 17 show the royal family tree for:
 - a) The King of Siam b) The king of the Jews c) Jesus d) Both a & c
- 3) In verse 6, does the scripture try to cover up King David's sin?
- 4) Verse 16 refers to Joseph as:
 - a) The father of Jesus b) The husband of Mary (to whom was born Jesus)
- 5) "Now the birth of Jesus _____ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, _____ they came together she was found to be with child by the _____."
- 6) Does the story make it sound like Joseph really loved Mary and was deeply hurt by her pregnancy?
- 7) Does God sometimes ask us to endure great heartbreak for His sake?
- 8) What could have happened if Mary's pregnancy had been made public?
- 9) What title did the angel of the Lord use for Joseph when speaking to him?
- 10) "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name _____, for it is He who will _____ His people from their _____."
- 11) Why did Jesus come, according to the angel of the Lord?
 - a) To show us a better way to live b) To save His people from sin. c) To give us great teachings
- 13) Notice how prophesy works in verse 22: "Now all this took place that what was _____ by the Lord _____ the _____ might be fulfilled..."
- 14) What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
- 15) If Jesus is *with us* and is called "God with us" by the angel of the Lord, who does this mean Jesus has to be?
- 16) Did Joseph marry Mary before Jesus was born?
- 17) "...and kept her a _____ until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus."
- 18) Could anybody trace his ancestry back to David today?
- 19) Will anyone else ever be able to prove that he is the Messiah?

Chapter 2

- 1) "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of _____ the _____, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born _____ of the _____? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to _____ Him.'"
- 2) Why do you think it troubled Herod that someone was looking for the newborn king?
- 3) When Herod asked the priests where the Christ (Messiah) was supposed to be born, where did they find the answer?
- 4) "And you, _____, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a _____, Who will _____ My people Israel. "
- 5) Where was Jesus born according to verse 1?
- 6) Who referred to Himself as the Good Shepherd? (see John 10:11)
- 7) Do you think Jesus fulfilled these prophecies?
- 8) What did Herod want to know? a) Where they had seen the star b) Who had told them what the star meant c) The time they first saw the star
- 9) What reason did Herod give for wanting to know where the child was? a) He said he would kill the child. b) He wanted to worship the child c) He wanted to officially recognize the child as king
- 10) Who warned the magi not to return to Herod?
- 11) Where did God tell Joseph to take his family?
- 12) What was it that caused Herod to kill babies 2 years old and younger in Bethlehem? (hint-see question 8)
- 13) According to the first century historian Josephus, Herod murdered his own wife and two sons because he thought they were plotting to take over his kingdom. Why do you think he feared Jesus?
- 14) Where did Joseph settle his family when he returned to Israel?
- 15) Does it look like the birth of Jesus is backed up by much historical information?

Matthew #2

Chapter 3

- 1) Who was the first to declare, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."?
- 2) Who prophesied that this messenger (John) would come to preach?
- 3) What were the following items made of?
 - a) His garment
 - b) His belt
 - c) His food
- 4) Does it sound like he became well known?
- 5) "...they were being _____ by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their _____."
- 6) The Pharisees and the Sadducees were the religious leaders. What did John the Baptist call them?
- 7) When they came to be baptized, what did John tell them to bring?
- 8) The word *repentance* means a "change of mind." Does it sound like these religious leaders had any *change of mind*?
- 9) Which of these things did the religious leaders think was the most important?
 - a) Being saved from their sins
 - b) Being descended from Abraham (being Jews)
- 10) Who do you think John is speaking of when he says, "He who is coming after me..."?
- 11) John baptized with water. What two things did he say *the one coming after* him would baptize with?
 - a)
 - b)
- 12) In speaking of these two baptisms in verse 12 it says, "He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Which baptism involves gathering His wheat into His barn?
- 13) Look at what happens to the chaff. Is the *baptism of fire* for believers or unbelievers?
- 14) Why did Jesus come to John? Did John feel worthy of this?
- 15) Why did Jesus say that John should permit this baptism to take place?
- 16) After Jesus was baptized, what descended on Him?
 - a) A dove
 - b) A bright light
 - c) The Spirit of God coming as a dove
- 17) "...and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, 'This is My _____ Son, in whom I am _____.'"

Chapter 4

- 1) What is the very next thing that happened to Jesus after the Father declared that He was well-pleased with Him?
- 2) If we are led to face temptations and trials, does that mean that God isn't pleased with us?
- 3) Jesus was tempted by the Devil. His name means "slanderer" or "accuser." To whom do you think he slanders or accuses us?
- 4) How long did Jesus go without food? What is the longest you have gone without food?
- 5) What are the first three words that Jesus answered the tempter with?
- 6) What does the phrase, "It is written," mean here?
 - a) "Somebody wrote once"
 - b) "A wise man (Confucius, Buddha, etc) once wrote"
 - c) "Scripture (God's Word) says"
- 7) In verse 6, the devil used a quotation from the Bible to tempt Jesus. Is it possible for people to misuse or misquote the Bible in order to confuse or deceive us?
- 8) Read acts 17:11. What is the best way to make sure that you are not deceived by someone misusing God's Word?
 - a) Never listen to what others think about the Bible.
 - b) Read it yourself and don't let anyone influence you.
 - c) Read and listen to good teaching but always check it out yourself.
- 9) Read verses 6&7. Why shouldn't we flippantly do dangerous things asking God to protect us?
- 10) Do you think a lot of us would give up our pursuit of serving God for all the kingdoms of the world and all of their glory?
- 11) As followers of Christ, what 3 words would it be wise for us to use against temptations from Satan?
- 12) We are in a battle. What is the only offensive weapon we are given in Ephesians 6:17?
- 13) Does it sound like Jesus was using this weapon?
- 14) How can you make sure that have that weapon when you need it?
 - a) Always have a brilliant Bible teacher with you.
 - b) Memorize verses that speak to your weaknesses.
 - c) Carry a really big Bible.
- 15) Who began preaching repentance ("a change of mind") at this time?
- 16) What did Jesus say to Andrew and Peter? When did they respond?
- 17) Did Jesus even heal paralyzed people? Can modern healers do this?

Matthew #3

Chapter 5

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- 1) Why is this passage called "The Sermon on the Mount"?
- 2) What happens to those who ***hunger and thirst for righteousness***?
- 3) Are you hungering and thirsting for righteousness?
- 4) Do you believe God's promises in these verses?
- 5) "Blessed are the merciful, for they _____ mercy."
- 6) Is it easy to be a peacemaker? _____ Is this just talking about powerful government negotiators?
- 7) There are two things that have to be true in order to get the blessing mentioned in verse 11. Fill in the blanks to show what they are: "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you a) _____, on b) _____."
- 8) Are you blessed when you are insulted for any reason?
- 9) Are you blessed if people say evil things about you and those things are true?
- 10) Would you put salt on your food if it didn't have flavor?
- 11) Salt without flavor is: a) Great on steak b) Just a rock, (like gravel) c) Best when used on popcorn
- 12) Does God want you to hide your faith from others?
- 13) You should shine your light in such a way, that two things will happen. What are they?
a) _____
b) _____
- 15) Jesus did not come to abolish (destroy and remove) the law, but to _____.
- 16) True or false. According to verse 18, the words of the Bible aren't important, just the general thoughts and ideas are important.
- 17) "Whoever then _____ one of the least of these commandments and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever _____ and _____ them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."
- 18) Look at verse 20. How good do you have to be to deserve heaven? a) Perfect b) Good c) OK
- 19) Where will we be able to get perfection? (hint-see II Corinthians 5:21)
- 20) ***Raca*** means, "empty head". Should we be calling people "stupid" or "idiots"?
- 21) According to verses 23&24, does God want you to reconcile with people who have something against you?
- 22) Does God tell us it's wiser to settle disputes in court or to "settle out of court"?
- 23) Can thoughts be sinful? _____ Are we supposed to control our thoughts?
- 24) Look at verses 29&30. Are there some people who will not get saved because they believe God will make changes in their lives that they would not like to make?
- 25) Is it worth it to allow anything to keep you away from God?
- 26) "I say to you, that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of _____ (sex outside of the marriage), makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."
- 27) Does God allow divorce sometimes? _____ Did God want divorce to be common?
- 28) Although He sometimes allows it, what feeling does God have towards divorce in general? (see Malachi 2:16)
- 29) Look at verses 33-37. Should we have to ***swear*** that the things we say are true, or should we be so trustworthy, that people will believe our simple "Yes" or "No"?
- 30) If you lie once in a while, just to stay out of trouble, do you think people will continue to trust you?
- 31) Was Jesus saying that the "eye for an eye" thinking was ***wrong***, or that the, "turn the other cheek" thinking was ***better***?
- 32) The Romans had a law that allowed a soldier to force any Jew (or citizen of a conquered province) to carry his pack for him for one mile. The Jews hated this rule! Did Jesus tell the people to resist this rule?
- 33) Is it fair for someone to ask you to do his work? _____ Are Christians only to do what's fair?
- 34) What are two examples of God loving everyone, even if they don't love Him?
a) _____
b) _____
- 35) Do people tend to only love those who love them?
- 36) "Therefore _____ are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Which of the following statements is true? a) God doesn't really mean this. b) If you are not perfect, you are not saved. c) God really wants us to always be striving to be more and more like Him.

Matthew #4

Chapter 6

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- 14) Read verse 1 and Matthew 5:16. What do these verses mean? (choose one)
 - a) Don't ever let people see the good things you do
 - b) Let people see all the good you do so they will think better of you
 - c) Do good, and if people see it, point to God
- 2) Should we intentionally draw attention to the good things we do?
- 3) Should we, in fact, keep some of the things we do private, so that we won't be praised?
- 4) Do some people enjoy praying publicly to get recognition for their spirituality?
- 5) If you do things secretly, who will give you credit?
- 6) Look at verse 7. Is it a good idea to repeat the same prayers over and over?
- 7) When Jesus said "pray in this way," before He shared what we call The Lord's Prayer, did He mean that we should repeat the prayer over and over again, or did He mean that we should use it as an example for our prayers?
- 8) The prayer (verses 9-13) includes which of the following things?
 - a) Praise
 - b) Complaints
 - c) Request for forgiveness
 - d) Requests for wealth
 - e) Request for daily needs
 - f) Request for help in the face of evil
- 9) If you are unforgiving, do you think it affects your relationship with the Lord?
- 10) What reward did the people in verse 16 want?
- 11) What happens to earthly treasures?
- 12) If you have your eye on something other than the Lord, will it obscure your vision?
- 13) "Mammon" means "wealth or riches." According to verse 24, if you **concentrate** on gaining wealth, can you effectively serve the Lord as well?
- 14) What illustrations did the Lord give to demonstrate that He will provide for us? (choose one)
 - a) The birds and the bees
 - b) The little engine that could
 - c) The birds and the lilies
 - d) The fox and the henhouse
- 15) What two things are we supposed to seek first in our lives?
- 16) Is worry about the future something that Jesus says is worthwhile?

Chapter 7

- 1) In the midst of our dealings with people, are we to set ourselves up as the judges of others?
- 2) Why is it dangerous to judge others?
- 3) Read verses 3-5. Are we supposed to concentrate on our faults or on the faults of others?
- 4) Read verse 6. Should we share all our innermost thoughts with unbelievers?
- 5) Read verses 7-11. When you read all of these verses together, what is it telling you?
 - a) God gives you whatever you want
 - b) God is a good Father who wants to give His children everything that is good
- 6) Which verse tells you how to keep God's law?
- 7) How many people will find "destruction"?
- 8) How many will find "life"?
- 9) According to this, will most people get saved and go to heaven, or will most people be lost?
- 10) Is it usually easy to recognize a false prophet?
- 11) In what way does it tell you here that you will be able to recognize them?
 - a) By the way they act
 - b) By the way they dress
 - c) By what fruit they produce
- 12) What three things are we told will sometimes be done by people who don't even know God?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
- 13) While they claimed to be doing all kinds of great things for God, how does God describe what they were doing?
- 13) Is the **wise man** the person who merely hears the Word?
- 14) Why was the house set on the rock not destroyed?
- 15) What gives us our foundation for living?
- 16) What kinds of things can be like rain, floods and winds in our life?
- 17) When the scribes taught, they always quoted what the great Rabbis had said about things. What surprised people about the way Jesus taught?

Matthew #5

Chapter 8

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- 15) Leprosy was an incurable wasting disease. Did Jesus have the power to heal it?
- 16) Why did Jesus tell the leper to show himself to the priest? (hint-see Leviticus 14:2-7)

- 3) A "century" is 100 years. How many Roman soldiers do you think a "centurion" is in charge of?
- 4) Who was the centurion concerned about? 1) His son 2) A soldier 3) His slave
- 5) What was wrong with his slave? Do modern-day "healers" heal this problem?
- 6) Why do you think the centurion didn't just let Jesus come to his house?
- 7) Did Jesus think the man was inhospitable?
- 8) What did Jesus find when He came to Peter's house?
- 9) What did Peter's mother-in-law do immediately after she was healed?
- 10) Some say Peter was the first Pope. Was Peter married?
- 11) Read verses 16 & 17. Does it sound like Jesus was extremely busy?
- 12) Did Jesus have a home of His own?
- 13) Read verses 21 & 22. Do you think that Jesus was callous, or do you think that Jesus knew that this was an excuse to wait around until his father grew old and died?
- 14) Have you ever said, "I'll start really serving the Lord when....."?
- 15) When is the time to follow Christ?
- 16) What was Jesus doing when the storm arose?
- 17) Having Jesus on board, do you need to fear the storms that rage around either "you" or "your life"?
- 18) The two demon-possessed men were living among the tombs. Do you think it is healthy to be preoccupied with death or killing? Do you think we can overdo our entertainment in this area?
- 19) Where did the demons (fallen angels) want to go?
- 20) Were Jews supposed to be raising swine? (hint-see Deuteronomy 14:8)
- 21) Did the people of the town congratulate Jesus for restoring the demon-possessed man?
- 22) Should we expect everyone to appreciate our endeavors to help people?

Chapter 9

- 1) What did the scribes think was blasphemy?
- 2) "Jesus _____ their _____ said, 'Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?'"
- 3) Jesus healed the paralyzed man to prove what?
- 4) What was the reaction of the multitude?
- 5) What was Matthew doing when the Lord called him to follow Him?
- 6) Tax collectors were considered traitors and were hated for helping the Roman rulers. What is the Lord trying to show us in this verse?
- 7) Look at verses 9-13. When you reach out to one person, what sometimes happens?
- 8) What does this mean? "It is not those who are healthy that need a physician, but those who are sick."

- 9) Does it sound like Jesus and His disciples did a lot of fasting (going without food for a while)?
- 10) Who would the "bridegroom" be in verse 15?
- 11) What did Jesus say would happen when the bridegroom was taken away?
- 12) Read verses 16 & 17. Is Christianity just the old Jewish faith with a few changes or a new thing?
- 13) In verse 18, what was the synagogue official asking Jesus to do?
- 14) Did the woman who was suffering with a hemorrhage (bleeding) ask Jesus for healing?
- 15) Does Jesus often bring healing to us, even when we don't ask?
- 16) Where does ALL healing ultimately come from?
- 17) Look at verse 23. Does it sound like funerals were quiet affairs back then?
- 18) What happened when Jesus said the girl was asleep?
- 19) The Messiah had to be a descendant of David. What do we see, that even the common people seemed to know, about Jesus? (verse 27)
- 20) Could the blind men who were healed, keep quiet about it, even when they were instructed to?
- 21) Should we be excited about what Jesus has done for us?
- 22) Look at verse 33. Were the people of Israel easily fooled by phony healers?
- 23) How did the Pharisees explain these healings?
- 24) Are there a lot of people working in God's harvest? What should we pray for?

Matthew #6

(This is a really tough passage with prophecies and difficult verses)

Chapter 10

- 1) Does the Bible say that unclean spirits (demons) are real?
- 2) Which disciples were brothers?
- 3) The “zealots” were a group of Jews who fanatically resisted the Romans and called for the violent overthrow of the Roman government. Which disciple had been a member of this group?
- 4) Who were the disciples to preach to at this time?
- 5) Were the disciples supposed to accumulate riches as they went out preaching?
- 6) Who will be in for more trouble with God?
 - a) Sodom and Gomorrah
 - b) Those cities of Israel that rejected the message of the kingdom and the Messiah
- 7) “I send you out to be as _____ in the midst of _____. Therefore be _____ as serpents and _____ as doves.”
- 8) Is it possible to be *shrewd* and *innocent*?
- 9) In verse 23, it insinuates that the Son will be gone. God stopped dealing with Israel during the time of the church, and will once again deal with them during the time of tribulation. Does it sound like this message (verse 23) was also given to the 144,000 Jewish witnesses (Revelation 7:2-8, 14:1-5) who will be preaching about Jesus to the Jews during the tribulation period?
- 10) Look at verse 26. Will we be able to cover up the secret things we do so that no one knows?
- 11) Look at verses 29-31. Does God know what is going on in our lives?
- 12) Look at verses 32 & 33. Did Peter deny the Lord after this? (hint Matthew 26:75)
- 13) Since Peter denied the Lord, do verses 32 and 33 mean that we lose our eternal salvation if we ever deny Him?
- 14) Does Jesus sometimes cause conflict in families?
- 15) Who should be first in your heart? _____ Jesus or your parents? _____ Jesus or your loved ones?
- 16) What did the phrase, “Take up your cross,” mean to someone in the first century?
- 17) A missionary named Jim Elliot, who was killed by the people he was trying to reach, once said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose!” What verse in this passage do you think gave him this idea?
- 18) Who is it who will not lose their reward?

Chapter 11

- 1) What did John the Baptist mean by the title, “the expected one”?
- 2) What did Jesus use to prove to John that He was the Messiah?
- 3) Soft clothes were very expensive in those days. Did John the Baptist wear soft clothes?
- 4) Which verse tell us that this prophesy in Malachi 3:1 (“Behold I am going to send my messenger, and he will clear the way before Me.”), refers to John the Baptist?
- 5) “For all the prophets and the law prophesied _____.”
- 6) In Malachi 4:5 God says, “Behold I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.” If the Jews had accepted Jesus as their Messiah, who would have been their “Elijah”?
- 7) The Jews wanted Jesus to be the type of Messiah *they* wanted. Who did Jesus compare them to?
- 8) Was Jesus a *gluttonous man* or a *drunkard* (both sins)? _____ Might we also be falsely accused?
- 9) “Tyre and Sidon,” and “Sodom and Gomorrah,” were the names of cities destroyed by God’s judgment. Which cities in Israel did Jesus say would be receiving a more severe judgment than these cities because they had rejected the Messiah (Jesus)?
- 10) Sometimes “babes” have more insight than..... (choose one)
 - a) The high and mighty
 - b) The good, the bad and the ugly
 - c) The wise and intelligent
- 11) Who is the only person you can *go through* to get to know God the Father?
- 12) Is there any other way to God the Father than through Jesus?
- 13) Who will receive rest by coming to Jesus? _____ How are we to find rest for our souls?
- 15) A yoke is a harness used to connect a pair of animals (usually oxen) to a plow. Does it sound like a yoke was used for laboring?
- 16) Does verse 30 make it sound like laboring (serving) Jesus is really hard on a person?
- 17) Will you feel “blessed” or will you feel “enslaved”, when you serve Jesus?

Matthew #7

Chapter 12

- 17) The Jews had a law based on the Old Testament, stating that you should not labor on the Sabbath day. (Exodus 20:9 & 10) What did the disciples do that the Jews thought was “harvesting” work?
- 18) What did David and his companions eat when they were hungry?
- 19) According to verse 5, is there some work that had to be done even on the Sabbath day?
- 20) “There was a man with a withered hand. And they questioned Him [Jesus], saying, ‘Is it _____ to _____ on the Sabbath?’ - in order that they might _____ Him.”
- 21) Do we sometimes just keep rules instead of doing the “right” thing?
- 22) When did the Pharisees decide to destroy Jesus?
- 23) Read verses 16-21. Did Jesus try to become famous?
- 24) Look at verse 21. Does the Old Testament (Isaiah) ever say that the Messiah will reach out to the Gentiles (non-Jews)?
- 25) What two things did Jesus heal in the demon possessed man (verse 22)?
- 26) The Messiah was supposed to be a descendant of David. What do you think the people were wondering in verse 23?
- 27) Who was the first to say, “A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.”?
 - a) Abraham Lincoln
 - b) Jesus
 - c) Martin Luther King
- 12) Did Jesus say the kingdom of God had come?
- 13) Was it the type of kingdom the Jews wanted?
- 14) “He who is not _____ is _____ and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.”
- 15) Verses 31 & 32 are very hard to understand. They say that you cannot be forgiven for blaspheming (railing against, reviling or speaking evil of someone) the Holy Spirit. Since those who believe in Jesus Christ ARE FORGIVEN and have ETERNAL LIFE (John 3:16), can a **believer** ever commit this sin?
- 16) Since everyone who believes in Christ is forgiven, and the one who commits this sin cannot be forgiven, will a person who blasphemes the Holy Spirit ever believe in Jesus for salvation?
- 17) Should **believers** live in fear of committing the “unpardonable sin”?
- 18) Where do the things you say, come from?
- 19) If you say evil things, what does it say about your heart?
- 20) What **sign** did Jesus say He would give to the Pharisees?
- 21) What does verse 40 mean?
- 22) The Queen of the South came to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Who is wiser?
- 23) If a person reforms himself and cleans up his life, will that protect him from Satanic forces?
- 24) Read verses 43-45. Now read verse 29. What protects the believer from the forces of Satan?

Chapter 13:1-30

- 1) Did Jesus ever go to the beach?
- 2) Jesus lived in an agricultural society. What illustration did Jesus use to explain spiritual truths here?
- 3) According to verses 10 & 11, did Jesus say things in a way that everyone could understand it?
- 4) According to verse 15, why did these people not see the truth?
- 5) This will take a lot of thought. Match these things with what Jesus said they meant.

The seed	the evil one
The birds	the word of God
The one on whom seed was sown beside the road	receives the word and bears fruit
The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places	receives the word until persecuted
The one on whom seed was sown among the thorns	hears the word, Evil One snatches it away
The one on whom seed was sown on the good soil	hears the word, worries and riches choke out the word so that it becomes unfruitful
- 6) Do you allow things to choke out the word sometimes?
- 7) **Tares** are useless plants that look like wheat but bear useless fruit. Why didn't the landowner allow the servants to pull up the tares?
- 8) If we tried to decide who was and who was not **saved**, would we make mistakes?
- 9) What would you say **the barn** represents in verse 30?

Matthew #8

Chapter 13:31-58

- 1) Is the mustard seed very big?
- 2) In this case, did a small seed produce a small plant?
- 3) The tree represents “the Kingdom of God.” Are birds that nest in the branches of a tree, part of the tree (kingdom)?
- 4) Should we be surprised that there are many phonies who claim to be part of God’s Kingdom?
- 5) Look at verse 35. Was Jesus speaking about things that people already knew?
- 6) Do verses 36-43 help you to understand the parable found in verses 24-30?
- 7) Look at verse 51. Did the disciples understand these parables?
- 8) In verse 52, it speaks about the scribes of the kingdom. Should those who study and teach **the word**, teach only what they have been taught, like the scribes of Jesus’ day, or should they also search **the Word** for fresh insights to share?
- 9) What two things surprised the people of Jesus’ hometown in verse 54?
 - a)
 - b)
- 10) Look at verses 55 & 56. Did Mary stay a virgin her whole life, as some churches teach?
- 11) What is the least number of children that were in Jesus’ family counting Him?
- 12) Did the hometown crowd accept Jesus?
- 13) Do family and friends always accept the believer’s mission to minister and share the Lord with them?

Chapter 14

- 1) Who did Herod think Jesus was?
- 2) Did they have “freedom of speech” in Israel in those days?
- 3) Why didn’t Herod immediately put John to death after he had him arrested?
- 4) Why did he finally have John executed?
- 5) Picture John the Baptist’s head on a platter. Can you imagine what this girl and her mother must have been like in their hearts?
- 6) What did Jesus do when He heard about the murder of John?
- 7) Look at verse 14. Jesus was weary and grieved. What were His feelings for the crowds of people who were following Him around?
- 8) Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away, _____ them something to ____!”
- 9) Is it our responsibility to give people what they need?
- 10) If we are tired, is that an excuse not to be concerned for others?
- 11) What did Jesus do before He gave out the food? _____ What do you do before you eat?
- 12) How much food was left over?
- 13) Who do you think might have gotten the 12 baskets of left over food?
- 14) Wouldn’t you have liked to have eaten some of those **leftovers**?
- 15) Look closely at verse 21. Did Jesus feed 5,000 people here?
- 16) What did Jesus do after He sent the multitude away?
- 17) “In the fourth watch of the night He came to them _____ on the _____. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were frightened saying, ‘This is a _____!’ And they _____ for _____.”
- 18) What did Peter ask Jesus to do to prove He **was** Jesus?
- 19) Was Peter actually walking on the water for a while?
- 20) What two things happened to cause Peter to begin to sink?
 - a)
 - b)
- 21) Do we sometimes get *that sinking feeling* when we see the things that are going on all around us?
- 22) What should we do, that Peter also did, when we feel like we are **going under**?
- 23) When we get our eyes on the things around us and become afraid, Jesus calls it a lack of _____.
- 24) Are your eyes on the Lord, or are they on the winds and the waves around you?
- 25) If you were sick, what was one way to be cured by Jesus?
- 26) Are there any “healers” with this kind of power today?

Matthew #9

Chapter 15

- 1) What were the scribes and Pharisees complaining about?
- 2) Whose tradition were they breaking?
- 3) What did Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees did in order to keep the traditions of the elders?
- 4) What did the elders say was OK to do with money that was needed to care for elderly parents?
- 5) What commandment in the word of God did this invalidate?
- 6) Read I Timothy 5:8. Is caring for our families supposed to be a priority?
- 7) What did Isaiah say the problem was in verse 8?
- 8) "In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of _____."
- 9) Is it dangerous to put too much faith in books and commentaries of other men?
- 10) What did Jesus say defiled a man (made him unclean)?
 - a) What goes in his mouth (what he eats)
 - b) What comes out of his mouth (what he says)
- 11) What famous phrase did Jesus use to describe the Pharisees in vs. 14?
- 12) Did the disciples understand what He had been talking about?
- 13) Who should we ask to explain things to us that we find confusing in the Bible?
- 14) Why are people defiled by what comes out of the mouth?
- 15) List the things He says come from the heart:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
 - e)
 - f)
 - g)
- 16) Which of these 7 things is what leads to the others?
- 17) Read verses 21-28. The woman in the passage was of what nationality?
- 18) Before Jesus had been officially rejected by the Jews, was His ministry to everyone?
- 19) How did she show her great faith?
- 20) How was her faith rewarded?
- 21) Which people did Jesus heal?
 - a) Those with back pain
 - b) Those with stomach pain
 - c) Everyone (including the blind, crippled, dumb, and lame)
- 22) Do modern, "so-called" healers, heal blind people?
- 23) What kind of feeling did Jesus have for the people?
- 24) Why didn't He want to send them away hungry?
- 25) How much food did they have?
- 26) How many basketfuls of food were taken up afterwards?
- 27) Look at John 6:11-13. How many baskets were taken up when it talks about it here?
- 28) Do you think skeptics would call that a contradiction in Scripture?
- 29) Read Matthew 16:9 & 10. Do you see how foolish it is to doubt God's word?

Chapter 16:1-27

- 1) What did the religious leaders (Pharisees and Sadducees) ask Jesus for now?
- 2) What does it mean if the sky is red in the morning?
- 3) "You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the _____ of the _____?"
- 4) What sign did Jesus say He would give them?
- 5) What is the sign of Jonah a picture of? (read Matthew 12:40)
- 6) "Leaven (yeast)", generally represents *sin and false doctrine* in Scripture because they both tend to spread like yeast. (see I Corinthians 5:6-8) Whose *leaven* did Jesus warn His disciples about?
- 7) Who did the people think Jesus was?
- 8) Who did Peter say Jesus was?
- 9) Read verse 18. *Peter* (Petros) means "a single rock". The word translated "rock" in this passage is *petra* which means "a cliff or a large outcropping." Who is the cornerstone (big rock) that the church is built on according to Ephesians 2:20?
 - a) Peter
 - b) Jesus
- 10) Some people say Peter is the rock upon which the church is built, but what does Peter himself say in I Peter 2:4-6?
- 11) When Jesus said, "You are Peter (single stone) and upon this Rock (huge base stone) I will build my church," don't you think He was referring to Himself?
- 12) Does verse 19 only refer to Peter? (consider Matthew 18:18 - The Lord says this to all the disciples.)
- 13) Did Jesus tell the disciples He would be crucified? Did they like the idea?

Matthew #10

Chapter 16:28

- 1) "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are _____ who shall not taste _____ until they see the Son of Man coming _____."
- 2) Does it sound like some of the disciples would see the glory of the kingdom before they would die?
- 3) Did you know the Bible was not divided into chapters until 1205 AD? (Verse divisions were made in 1557 AD.) Since these divisions were not in the original writings, are they inspired by God?

Chapter 17

- 1) Peter, James and John went with Jesus up into the mountains six days after the statement made in verse 28 of chapter 16. What happened to Jesus in verse 2 of chapter 17?
- 2) Who was He talking with?
- 3) Look at Revelation 1:13-17. Does this description of the Son in the kingdom, especially verse 16, sound like Jesus as He appeared to the disciples on the mount?
- 4) How did the Father make it clear that Jesus was more important than Elijah and Moses?
- 5) Read verse 9. What do you think the vision He mentioned was? (choose one) a) Jesus in the kingdom (Matthew 16:28) b) Jesus at a Bible history conference c) Jesus and a few close friends
- 6) Was the statement in Matthew 16:28 fulfilled six days later on the mount?
- 7) Who did the scribes say was coming before the Messiah?
- 8) Did they get this from the Bible? (hint see Malachi 4:5)
- 9) Who did Jesus say had fulfilled this prophecy?
- 10) A man had come forward who had a son who was a lunatic. Were the disciples able to help him?
- 11) What was the cause of this man's lunacy?
- 12) Why couldn't the disciples cast this demon out?
- 13) The tax mentioned in verse 24 was "the temple tax" (Exodus 30:11-17). Did Jesus pay the tax?
- 14) Why shouldn't Jesus have to pay a tax for the house of God (the temple)?
- 15) What unique way did Jesus find to pay the tax?

Chapter 18

- 1) Why do you think the disciples wanted to know who would be the greatest in the kingdom?
- 2) Who will be the greatest in the kingdom, according to Jesus?
- 3) What terrible thing would be better than causing a child or baby Christian to stumble?
- 4) Does it sound like children are very important to God?
- 5) Is there any way to completely avoid the things that trip up young Christians?
- 6) Do we sometimes cause ourselves to get tripped up? (see verses 8 & 9)
- 7) Which verse sounds like we each have a guardian angel?
- 8) "Thus it is not the _____ of your Father who is in heaven that _____ of these little ones _____."
- 9) Describe the process if you see your brother (fellow believer) sinning?
- 10) What kind of attitude should you maintain in this situation? (see Galatians 6:1)
- 11) If the person refuses to listen to the church, how should he be treated?
- 12) Might it take some time for the process to work with your sinning brother?
- 13) How many people have to be gathered together in Jesus' Name for Him to be present there in a very special way?
- 14) How many times should you be willing to forgive a brother (fellow believer) who sins against you?
- 15) Read verses 23-35. What is the point of the story that Jesus shares here? (choose one)
 - a) Don't owe any money
 - b) If you want to be forgiven you should also forgive others
 - c) You better declare bankruptcy before you go to jail
- 16) "Should _____ not also have had _____ on your fellow slave, even as I had _____ on _____?"
- 17) Does it sound like God wants us to be serious about forgiveness of others?

Matthew #11

Chapter 19

- 4) "And some Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, 'Is it _____ for a man to _____ his wife for _____ at all?'"
- 5) Where did Jesus immediately go for the answer to this question? (hint-see verse 4)
- 6) Which verse is God's definition of marriage?
- 7) Which are included in God's definition of marriage? (choose one)
 - a. Two men
 - b) A man and a number of women
 - c) A man and a woman
 - d) Two women
- 8) Does verse 6 seem to indicate that a lasting change has taken place when a man and women are married?
- 9) What is Jesus' obvious answer to the question in verse 3?
- 10) The Pharisees realized that Jesus was saying, "No.," so they asked a follow up question using Moses. Does it sound like they wanted the option of divorce?
- 11) Was Moses commanding them to divorce, or was he commanding them to give a certificate of divorce if that is what they insisted on doing?
- 12) "He said to them, 'Because of your _____ of _____ Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but _____ the _____ it has not been this way.'"
- 13) When is divorce and remarriage *not* adultery?
- 14) What is God's feeling about divorce in any situation? (See-Malachi 2:16)
- 15) Do you think God wants divorce or reconciliation in cases of adultery?
- 16) In the time of Jesus, divorce was allowed "for any cause." Does it sound like God feels that way?
- 17) A eunuch is someone who does not have sexual relations with anyone. Are some people born with no sexual desire or the inability to have marital relations according to verse 12?
- 18) Does God order spiritual people or church leaders never to marry?
- 19) Did Jesus like having children around?
- 20) "And behold, one came to Him and said, 'Teacher, what _____ thing shall _____ that I may obtain _____ life?'"
- 21) Who can be good, according to what Jesus said in verse 17?
- 22) If no one but God is "good," who can keep the commandments?
- 23) Read verses 18-20. Do you think this man was telling the truth?
- 24) Do you think that he thought of himself as a sinner?
- 25) Look at verses 20-22. Could this man "love his neighbor as himself," if he was rich and was unwilling to give to the poor?
- 26) What do you think Jesus was trying to show this man? (remember question #19)
- 27) When we think there is someone we know who just can't get saved, what should we remember?
- 28) What might we find the disciples doing in the kingdom of God someday?
- 29) What happens if you give up things for God?

Chapter 20

- 1) Read verses 1-16. A *denarius* is a normal day's pay for a man. Did each man here get fair pay?
- 2) Does God often give us more than we deserve?
- 3) Would they have been satisfied with their pay if they hadn't seen what the others were paid?
- 4) Look at Luke 3:14. Is it a good idea to compare pay with fellow-workers?
- 5) Should we be upset as long as we are given what we agreed to work for?
- 6) If God gives people heaven as a free gift, should we feel jealous of those who did not serve Him very much on earth, since we don't deserve heaven either?
- 7) According to verse 15, what caused the laborers to become jealous?
- 8) Did Jesus hide what was going to happen to Him from His disciples?
- 9) James and John were the sons of Zebedee. What did their mother request of Jesus?
- 10) What happened in Acts 12:2 that might be "the cup" Jesus was talked about in verses 22 & 23?
- 11) Were the other disciples OK with the request made by Mama Zebedee?
- 12) What way did God set forth for a person to become "first?"
- 13) "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but _____, and to give His life a _____ for many."
- 14) What motivated Jesus to heal the blind men?

Matthew #12

Chapter 21

- 1) What were the two disciples who had been sent into town supposed to bring to Jesus?
- 2) Zechariah 9:9 says: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your _____ is coming to you; He is just and endowed with _____, humble, and mounted on a _____, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
- 3) That prophecy was made hundreds of years before. Does it look like it came true?
- 4) What did the people place on the road?
- 5) "And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying, 'Hosanna to the _____ of _____; blessed is He who _____ in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!'"
- 6) What question was asked when Jesus came into Jerusalem in this way?
- 7) What should the answer had been if people were familiar with Zechariah 9:9?
- 8) What was the first thing Jesus did when He came to Jerusalem?
- 9) Does it sound like Jesus wants the emphasis of His church to be on money?
- 10) According to prophecy, the Messiah had to be a descendant of David. Who did the people say Jesus was descended from in verse 15? Why would that anger the chief priests and scribes?
- 11) In Hosea 9:10 it compares Israel to the fruit of a fig tree. In light of this, what might verse 19 mean? (This will take some thought.)
- 12) Should verse 22 be understood by itself alone, or along with other Scriptures about prayer?
- 13) Did the scribes answer Jesus' question about John (the Baptist) with the truth, or did they base their answer on what response it would bring from people? Will this ever lead you to the truth?
- 14) Read verses 28-32. Is it always the people who *say* they want to serve the Lord who actually do?
- 15) Read verses 33-41. Who does the landowner represent?
- 16) By the way they responded in verse 41, do you think that at this point the chief priests and scribes realized He (Jesus) was referring to Himself as the son of the landowner (God)?
- 17) Who is "the cornerstone?" (hint-see Ephesians 2:20)
- 18) In verse 43, does Jesus make it clear that Israel was rejecting their Messiah?
- 19) At this point, did the religious leaders realize Jesus was talking about them?

Chapter 22

- 1) What are these stories that Jesus told called?
- 2) What did the king do when everything was ready for his son's wedding feast?
- 3) "But they paid no _____ and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his slaves and _____ them and _____ them."
- 4) Does it make sense to hurt someone who is inviting you to a feast?
- 5) What would happen to you today if you went to an Islamic country and made a public invitation to people to trust in Jesus Christ and come to heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb?
- 6) Where will our wedding clothes come from? (see II Corinthians 5:21 and Revelation 19:7&8)
- 7) "Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might _____ Him in what He _____."
- 8) Which of these four statements, made by the disciples of the Pharisees and Herodians, do you think described what they really believed about Christ? a) "Teacher, we know that You are truthful" b) "We know that You... teach the way of God in truth" c) "We know that You...defer to no one" d) "We know that...You are not partial to any." e) They didn't believe any of them
- 9) Whose likeness was on the coin? Whose likeness is on you? (see-Genesis 5:1)
- 10) In light of these two things, what does verse 21 mean?
- 11) Read verses 23-30. Are we going to be married in the resurrection?
- 12) God said "I am (Hebrew translation **Yahweh**) the God of Abraham" to Moses at the burning bush. (Exodus 3:6) This statement was made 400 years after Abraham. If Yahweh "**is**" (present tense) the God of Abraham, is Abraham still alive?
- 13) What is the greatest commandment of God?
- 14) What is the second greatest commandment?
- 15) Look at verse 42. Do you see why they were so upset that Jesus was being called "the son of David?"
- 16) What was the final result of their trick questions?

Matthew #13

Chapter 23

- 1) Did the scribes and Pharisees do the things they told others they had to do?
- 2) Why did these people do their good deeds?
- 3) Did they mind sitting quietly in the background?
- 4) Read verses 7-11. Are some of us more important than others?
- 5) Is it right to refer to a church leader as “father”?
- 6) “The _____ among you shall be your _____.”
- 7) What will happen if you try to make yourself look important?
- 8) What was even worse than the fact that these religious leaders were not going to heaven?
- 9) Did the Pharisees work hard to make proselytes (converts to their religion)?
- 10) Which was more important to the religious leaders, the temple or the gold of the temple?
- 11) Dill and cumin are tiny seeds. How do we know the Pharisees were very careful to tithe (give 10% of everything)?
- 12) What did they neglect?
- 13) “These are the things you should have done _____ the others”.
- 14) Look at verse 25. Which is more important- what you do or what is in your heart?
- 15) If you clean up the outside appearance of your life, how does it affect the inside (your heart)?
- 16) If you clean up the inside of your heart, how does it affect the outside of your life?
- 17) What are some terms Jesus used to describe the religious leaders? (see vs. 29 & 33)
a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
- 18) Who killed Abel? (Genesis 4:8)
- 19) Read verse 37. Why was Jesus not able to gather the people of Jerusalem to Himself? (Choose one)
a) They weren't chosen b) They weren't able c) They wouldn't (they refused Him)
- 20) Look at verses 38 & 39. When will the religious leaders of Israel see the Lord again?

Chapter 24

- 1) Did Jesus say that the temple was going to be around for a while?
- 2) How will people be misled before Jesus comes back?
- 3) Have you seen any of the things mentioned in verses 6 & 7 happening in recent years?
- 4) What will cause people's love to grow cold?
- 5) Read verses 8-13. In the last days there will be a great persecution of believers. When it says that those who “endure to the end will be saved,” does it mean *saved* from hell or *saved* from the persecution?
- 6) Read Acts 16:30 & 31. Do you “endure to the end” or “believe in Jesus” in order to be saved from your sins?
- 7) According to verse 14, what will happen before “the end” comes?
- 8) In Daniel 9:26 & 27 it says that the *prince* who is to come will defame the holy place. Does this sound like Jesus or the Anti (fake)-Christ?
- 9) “For then there will be a great _____, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.”
- 10) Have you ever heard of the time called “the tribulation”?
- 11) Does it sound like a dangerous time?
- 12) Read verse 27. When Jesus returns to earth to set up His Kingdom, will it be obvious?
- 13) Who will respond to His “great trumpet”?
- 14) When you look at a fig tree, how can you tell that summer is near?
- 15) Read verses 33&34. Will the tribulation be drawn out over hundreds of years?
- 16) Noah told people there would be a flood. Did the people think the flood was coming?
- 17) Will everyone face the same future when Jesus comes back?
- 18) Jesus will come as... a) A bird in the hand b) A thief in the night c) A friend of the friendly
- 19) When the master returns and finds a slave serving faithfully, what does he do?
- 20) What kind of state do hypocrites end up in?

Matthew #14

Chapter 25

- 1) How many virgins in the story were foolish?
- 2) The foolish virgins had their lamps but had no _____.
- 3) Why didn't the foolish virgins get into the wedding feast?
- 4) "Later the other virgins also came, saying, _____, open up for us. But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not _____.'"
- 5) The moral of the story is found in verse 13. What does it mean?
- 6) Read verses 14-30. Were all the servants given the same amount of money to work with?
- 7) What did the master use to decide how much to give each servant?
- 8) What did the servant who received one talent do with his money?
- 9) Was the master happy with that?
- 10) What does God expect you to do with the things (talents, money, time, etc) He's given you?
- 11) Who will be put "in charge of many things?"
- 12) In verse 25, the servant attributes His lack of success to what?
- 13) Read verses 31-46. Who will judge the nations?
- 14) What will they be judged on? (choose one)
 - a) Whether they joined the war on terror
 - b) How they treated members of the family of God
 - c) Whether they allow freedom of religion
- 15) "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these _____ of _____, even the least of them, _____.'"
- 16) Who will go "into eternal life" according to verse 46?
- 17) How do we become righteous, according to II Corinthians 5:21?
- 18) Does it sound like it is important how we treat people (especially people related to the Lord)?

Chapter 26:1-45

- 1) In verses 1 & 2, Jesus says that He will be crucified in: (choose one)
 - a) A month
 - b) The next few years
 - c) 2 days
- 2) Why didn't the priests and scribes plan to seize Jesus during the Passover feast?
- 3) Whose home was Jesus staying in?
- 4) Were you supposed to go near lepers (people with a contagious disease called leprosy)?
- 5) Since he was known as "_____ the _____," and could now be with people, what must have happened to him?
- 6) Read verses 7-13. What did the disciples say could have been done with the perfume?
- 7) Will we ever see a time when there are no "poor" people, before the Lord returns?
- 8) Did the prophecy in verse 13 come true?
- 9) "'What are you willing to give me to _____ to you?' And they weighed out to him _____ of _____."
- 10) What Jewish holiday were they celebrating on the night Jesus was betrayed?
- 11) Did Jesus know who was going to betray Him?
- 12) How did Jesus make clear who it was who would betray Him?
- 13) What did the bread represent? What did the cup of wine represent?
- 14) What did they all do after the supper before going to the Mount of Olives?
- 15) How many of the disciples did Jesus say would "fall away" from Him?
- 16) Who said he would not "fall away"?
- 17) Do we sometimes think we are stronger than we really are?
- 18) How was Jesus feeling according to verse 38?
- 19) "My Father, if it is _____, let this cup pass from Me; yet not _____, but as _____."
- 20) According to verse 41, even when we want to do things, what is the problem?
- 21) What did the disciples do after Jesus told them how distressed He was?
- 22) Do we sometimes let the Lord down at the most important moments?

Matthew #15

Chapter 26:46-75

- 16) How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers who did not know Him?
- 17) What did Peter do with his sword?
- 18) Do you think that Peter may have been trying to live up to the assurances that he had given to Jesus that he would never deny Him?
- 19) "Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all those who _____ the _____ shall _____ by the sword.'"
- 20) A Roman legion at this time contained 6,826 soldiers. How many angels did Jesus say were at His disposal at any time?
- 21) Look at verse 55. Why did the rulers not arrest Jesus in the temple, according to verses 4 & 5?
- 22) Who "followed at a distance"?
- 23) According to verses 59-62, what was the only crime they could come up with to accuse Jesus?
- 24) When Jesus wouldn't answer, what did the high priest say to get Him to answer?
- 25) To show how shocked he was at the answer Jesus gave, what did the high priests do?
- 26) People would tear their clothes to show how upset they were because clothes were so valuable. Who is the only person who was never allowed to tear his clothes, according to Leviticus 21:10?
- 27) "'What do you think?' They answered and said, 'He is deserving of _____!'"
- 28) Name 3 things they did to Jesus in verse 67. a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
- 29) "And again he denied it with an _____, 'I do not _____ the _____.'" "
- 30) What will we probably end up doing if we follow Jesus "at a distance"?
- 31) How did Peter finally convince people that he didn't know Jesus?
- 32) Does your speech identify you and affect what people think about you?
- 33) Was Jesus ever able to use Peter after he denied Him?

Chapter 27:1-49

- 1) After they decided to kill Jesus, where did they take Him?
- 2) Who realized that he had "betrayed" an innocent man.
- 3) What did Judas **not** do? (choose one)
 - a) Repent and ask for forgiveness
 - b) Hang himself
 - c) Give back the *blood* money
- 4) What did the chief priests do with the 30 pieces of silver?
- 5) What amazed even Pilate?
- 6) Why did Pilate's wife want Pilate to leave Jesus alone?
- 7) Does God sometimes speak to and through unbelievers?
- 8) Why did the multitude ask for the release of Barabbas and the death of Jesus?
- 9) What was Pilate trying to show by publicly washing his hands?
- 10) Does washing his hands release Pilate of his guilt for condemning Jesus to death?
- 11) "And _____ the people answered and said, 'His _____ be on _____ and on our _____!'"
- 12) A roman cohort contained 600 soldiers. List the many things they did to Jesus in verses 27-31.
 - a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
 - d) _____ e) _____ f) _____
 - g) _____
- 13) Read verse 32 and Mark 15:21. Do you think these boys could be proud of what their father did?
- 14) Why do you think Jesus refused to drink the drugs He was offered?
- 15) Was it just the high priests who were mocking Jesus?
- 16) "He _____ others; He _____ Himself."
- 17) Could Jesus "save Himself" and "others" at the same time?
- 18) How long was it dark while Jesus was on the cross?
- 19) What did Jesus say, at about the ninth hour, that was written 1000 years earlier in Psalm 22:1? (You ought to read Psalm 22. It is a graphic prophecy of the crucifixion of Jesus written 1000 years before it took place)

Matthew #16

Chapter 27:50-66

- 1) In verse 50, does it sound like Jesus resisted dying for our sins?
- 2) In the temple there was a huge veil (curtain) that separated the people from the holy place where God's presence was dwelling. What do you think it represented, when the curtain was torn open "from the top to the bottom?"
- 3) What wonderful thing happened in the graveyards that surrounded the area?
- 4) What was the centurion's opinion? "Truly this was the _____!"
- 5) The disciples fled. What did their mothers do?
- 6) According to verse 57, do rich people ever get saved and decide to follow Jesus?
- 7) Do you think it took much courage to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus?
- 8) Some people said Jesus was put in a tomb, and then the disciples forgot where it was. Don't you think Joseph of Arimathea would know where the tomb he had just purchased was?
- 9) What kept animals out of the tomb? a) Security officers b) A **LARGE** stone c) High fences
- 10) Did the chief priest and scribes know Jesus claimed He would rise from the dead?
- 11) What two words did they use to describe Jesus to Pilate? "_____"
- 12) The temple had a Roman security detail. What did Pilate advise the chief priests to have the soldiers do?
- 13) The Roman governor had a special seal that would be used to guarantee the security of buildings packages and letters. If you broke the seal without permission you would be under penalty of death. What was this seal used for in this passage?
- 14) What are three things listed in this passage to keep anyone from stealing the body out of the tomb?
a) _____ b) _____ c) _____

Chapter 28

- 1) Since the last day of the Jewish week was the Sabbath (Saturday), on what day did Jesus rise from the dead?
- 2) Who rolled away the stone?
- 3) What did he look like?
- 4) What happened to the temple guard detail?
- 5) "He is not here, for _____, just as He said. Come, see the _____ where He was lying."
- 6) Who were the women told to tell?
- 7) What two conflicting emotions did they feel as they left the tomb? a) _____ b) _____
- 8) Whom did they meet?
- 9) Does it sound like Jesus is trying to get a message to His disciples that He forgives them for forsaking Him and wants to reassure them of His love?
- 10) To whom did the guards report when they returned to the city?
- 11) What were they given to keep quiet?
- 12) What were they to say if someone asked them what happened?
- 13) Do some people even believe this story today? (see verse 15)
- 14) How did they know the disciples took the body if they were sleeping at the time?
- 15) Look at verses 13 & 14. Why would the chief priests have to guarantee that they would keep the soldiers out of trouble? (Can you guess the penalty for sleeping on guard duty in the Roman army?)
- 16) Why weren't the disciples executed for breaking the governor's seal?
- 17) "When they _____ Him, they _____ Him; but _____."
- 18) Do we sometimes worship in the midst of our doubts?
- 19) "Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make _____ of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, _____ them to observe all that I commanded you;'"
- 20) "Disciple" means "follower." Are we to just get people to *believe* in Jesus?
- 21) Are you just a "believer," or do you want to be a "follower" as well?
- 22) Did you enjoy the book of Matthew?