Chapters 11-16

Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

How does the story of the disciples plucking the grain on the Sabbath compare to King David and his companions?

What is meant by the saying "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice?"

Jesus and Beelzebul

What similar abilities did Jesus and King Solomon share?

What is the relationship between the destruction of Satan's power by the Crucifixion and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D.?

Jesus and the Old Testament

What is typology? How is typology manifested in Moses, David, the Temple, Israel, Solomon and Jonah?

The True Kindred of Jesus

What is the position of the Church on Mary's perpetual virginity?

Parables

What is a parable and what is its purpose? Why does Jesus use parables? When does Jesus switch from straight forward teaching to teaching using parables?

Does Jesus use parables to proclaim God's judgment on the faithless? What prophet does he cite?

Three Parables about the Kingdom

What is the point of the parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Value?

Feeding the Five Thousand

The multiplication of the loaves appears in all four Gospels. What four verbs appear here and at the last supper?

How does Jesus feed the crowds?

The Tradition of the Elders

How do the Oral Traditions of the Pharisees relate to the revealed Law of God?

Feeding of the Four Thousand

What four verbs are present in this narrative?

Peter's Declaration that Jesus is the Christ

What is Peter's relationship to the other apostles? What five points of doctrine does the Church teach with regard to the primacy of Peter?

How does the blessing of Peter relate to Abraham?

What is the relationship between Jesus and Solomon as it relates to the Temple?

What is the symbolic meaning of the giving of the keys to Peter?