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Chapter 17

The Transfiguration

How are the events of the Transfiguration related to what occurred in the Old Testament with Moses on Mount Sinai? (Note 17:1-8)

What are Moses and Elijah representative of in the Old Testament? Where did they hear God's voice? (Note 17:3)

Peter desires to prolong the heavenly experience by wanting to make three booths. How does the construction of booths relate to the Jewish Feast of Booths? (Note 17:4) What does the statement "listen to him" evoke in the Old Testament? (Note 17:5)

Jesus and the Temple Tax

What is meant when Jesus says "the Sons are free"? What is the symbolism of the single payment of the Temple tax for Christ and Peter? (Note 17:26, 27)

Chapter 18

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

What is meant by the following verse; "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Note 18:10)

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

What is a talent equivalent to in terms of wages for a laborer? How large is 10,000 talents? What is the value of 100 denarii? (Note 18:24)

Chapter 19

Teachings About Divorce

What is the significance of Jesus presence east of the Jordan? (Note 19:1)

Why does Moses permit divorce and re-marriage? What does the Catholic Church teach on Divorce and remarriage? What is meant by "except for unchastity"? (Jesus on Marriage and Divorce) What is meant by "there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom?" (Note 19:12)

Jesus Blesses the Children

How does the Church interpret the following; "Let the children come to me." (Note 19:14)

Chapter 20

The Laborers in the Vineyard

How does this parable relate to the Israelites and the Gentiles? What about the gift of eternal life? How does Origen interpret this parable? (Note 20:1-16)

Chapter 21

Jesus Entry into Jerusalem

How does Jesus' entry into Jerusalem parallel the coronation of King Solomon? (Note 21:1-11)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

How does the citation "a den of robbers" relate to the Old Testament prophet Jerimiah and the destruction of the Temple? (Note 21:13)

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

What is the significance of Jesus cursing the fig tree? (Note 21:19)

The Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Wicked Tenants

What do these two parables have in common? Who are they directed toward? (Notes 21:28-32; 33-41)

Chapter 22

Parable of the Marriage Feast

How is the parable an allegory of salvation history? (Note 22:1-14)

What is the wedding garment? Why is it necessary to have a wedding garment to enter the wedding feast? (Note 22:11)

The Question about Paying Taxes

How does Jesus avoid the trap set by the Pharisees? (Note 22:21)

The Question about Man's Resurrection

Who are the Sadducees? What did they believe in? What did they not believe in? In response to their question Jesus quotes from Exodus, why? (Notes 22:23, 22:32)

A Question about the Christ

Psalm 110:1 "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet?" If David addresses his son as "my Lord", that would imply that the expected Messiah would be greater than David himself.

How can the Messiah be both the son of David and the Son of God? (Note 22:45)