

Gospel of Saint Matthew

Chapters 17-22

Read 17:1-8 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)

Read 17:22-27 What is the temple tax? (Note 17:24)

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) (Note 17:27)

Read 18:10 Is this biblical evidence for the guardian angels? (Note 18:10)

Read 18:23-27 What is a talent equivalent to in terms of wages for a laborer? How large is 10,000 talents? (Note 18:24)

Read 18:28-30 What is the value of 100 denarii? (Note 18:28)

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

Read 19:2-9 Does Jesus establish marriage as a sacrament? (Note 19:3-9)

Topical Essay--Jesus on Marriage and Divorce

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”?

Read 19:10-12 What is meant by “there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom?” (Note 19:12)

Read 19:13-15 How does the Church interpret the following: “Let the children come to me.” (Note 19:14)

Read 20:1-16 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)

What are the first actions of Jesus during Passion week? (Note 21:1-22)

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

What does "Hosanna" mean? (Note 21:9)

Read 21:12-13 How does the citation "a den of robbers" relate to the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah and the destruction of the Temple? (Note 21:13)

Read 21:18-19 What is the significance of Jesus cursing the fig tree? (Note 21:19)

Read 21:28-32 What does this parable explain? (Notes 21:28-32)

Read 21:33-41 What is the symbolic meaning of this allegory? (Note 21: 33-41)

Read 22:1-14 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)

Read 22:15-22 How does Jesus avoid the trap set by the Pharisees? (Note 22:21)

Read 22:23-33 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? (Note 22:23) (Note 22:32)

Read 22:41-46 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)