## The Gospel of St. Matthew

## Chapters 23-28

What does Jesus convey to the crowds and disciples in Chapter 23? (Note 23:1-36)

What is meant by the following verse "And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven"? (Note 23:9)

Read 23:13-15 What are covenant curses? How do they relate to the New Covenant "blessings" in the Beatitudes? (Note 23:13)

Read 23:16-22 How did the Pharisees devalue the sacredness of swearing an oath? (Note 23:16-22)

Read 23:23-24 What is a tithe? What is petty legalism? (Note 23:23-24)

Read 23:27-28 What does Jesus mean when he calls the Pharisees whitewashed tombs? (Note 23:27)

What is meant by the scripture passage "your house is forsaken and desolate"? (Note 23:38)

What is the Olivet Discourse and what is its purpose? (Note 24:1-25:46)

## Topical Essay--End of the World

What is the meaning of the Olivet Discourse as it relates to the end of the world? How did the Israelites view their Temple?

Read 24:15-16 Did the early Christians escape Jerusalem before its destruction? (Note 24:16)

Read 24:28 Who are the scavengers? (Note 24:28)

Read 25:1-13 Why didn't the wise maidens share their oil with the foolish maidens? (Note 25:1-13)

Read 25:14-30 Was the slothful servant wicked? (Note 25:26)

Read 26:1-2 What is the feast of Passover? (Note 26:2)

Read 26:14-16 What is the value of 30 pieces of silver? (Note 26:15)

Read 26:26-29 What three aspects of the Eucharist are highlighted in Matthew's Last Supper account? (Note 26:26-29)

Read 26:47-56 How does Jesus' betrayal parallel the conspiracy against King David? (Note 26:56)

Read 27:1-10 What is the significance of "blood money" and the potter's field as it relates to the Old Testament prophets Jeremiah and Zechariah? (Note 27:6) (Note27: 8-10)

Read 27:45-50 How does the phenomena surrounding the Crucifixion recall the prophet Amos 8: 8-10? (Note 27-45)

What is the full meaning of Psalm 22 as it relates to Jesus quoting only the first few words... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Note 27:46)

Read 27:51 What is the significance of the curtain in the Temple being torn in two from top to bottom? (Note 27:51)

Read 28:16-20 What is the great commission? (Note 28:19)

How is Jesus with us always till the close of the age? (Note 28:20)