

The Gospel of Matthew

Chapters 5-10

What is the Sermon on the Mount? (Note 5:1-7:29)

Read 5:1-2 How does the giving of the Beatitudes compare/ contrast to the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai? (Note 5:1)

Read 5:3 Who are the poor in Spirit? (Note 5:3)

Read 5:4 Who are those who mourn? (Note 5:4)

Read 5:5 Who are the meek? (Note 5:5)

Read 5:6 Who thirsts for righteousness? (Note 5:6)

Read 5:7 Who are the merciful? (Note 5:7)

Read 5:8 Who are the pure in heart? (Note 5:8)

Read 5:9 Who are the peacemakers? (Note 5:9)

Read 5:10-11 Who are the persecuted? (Note 5:10)

Read 5:14-16 Is the Fatherhood of God a frequent theme in the Sermon on the Mount? (Note 5:16)

Read 5:17-20 Does Jesus introduce a new standard of righteousness? (Note 5:20)

What is the significance of the “Six Antitheses” when Jesus cites the Old Law “you have heard that it was said” and responds, “But I say to you?” (Note 5:21-48)

Read 5:21-24 What is the deeper meaning of “thou shall not kill?” (Note 5:21).

Read 5:33-37 What does Jesus mean by swearing false oaths? (Note 5:33)

Read 5:38-42 What is meant by the saying “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”? (Note 5:38).

What were the three traditional works of mercy honored by Jews? (Note 6:1-18)

Read 6:5-6 What is the relationship between private prayer and communal prayer? (Note 6:6)

What is the importance of the “Our Father” prayer? (Note 6:9-13)

Read 7:1-5 What is the difference between judging the act and judging the person? (Note 7:1-6)

Read 7:6 How should one treat Holy things? (Note 7:6)

Read 7:13-14 What is meant by “the narrow gate”? (Note 7:13-14)

Read 8:1-4 How does the cleansing of a leper and the Mosaic Law on ritual cleanliness relate to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (Note 8:4)

Read 8:5-13 Is the centurion humble? (Note 8:8)

Who will sit at table in the Messianic age? (Note 8:11)

Read 8:18-22 What does Jesus mean when he says, “leave the dead to bury their own dead”? (Note 8:22)

Read 8:23-27 How does this miracle compare / contrast to the experience of Jonah in the Old Testament? (note 8:22-37)

Read 9:1-8 Forgiveness of sins in the Old Testament was available only through the sacrificial system of the Temple in Jerusalem. Is Jesus superior to the Old Covenant system established by Moses? (Note 9:3)

Does Jesus give this authority to forgive sins to men? (Note 9:8)

Read 9:9-13 What is meant when Jesus says, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice for I came not to call the righteous but sinners?” How does Jesus subtly rebuke the Pharisees by citing the prophet, Hosea? (Note 9:13)

Read 9:14-17 What is the meaning of the old garment and the old wineskins as it relates to the new garment and wineskins? (Note 9:16, Note 9:17)

Read 9:35-37 What is the meaning of the word sheep and shepherd in the Old Testament? (Note 9:36)

Read 10:1-4 What is the significance of choosing twelve apostles? (Note 10:2)

Read 10:5 Why did Jesus send the twelve out only to the Israelites of Galilee? (Note 10:5)

Read 10:16-23 What is the meaning of the following passage: “When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.” (Note 10:23)