

Plan for the Classes and Homework

Introductory Class – January 21, 2014

To Prepare for Class

January 21 – Introductory Class – Overview of Matthew

January 25 – The Proclamation of the Kingdom (3:1-7:29)

February 4 – The Ministry and Mission in Galilee (8:1-11:1)

February 11 – The Opposition from Israel (11:2-13:53)

February 18 – Jesus, the Kingdom, and the Church (13:54-18:35)

February 25 – Ministry in Judea and Jerusalem (19:1-25:46)

** In Infancy Narrative and the Passion and Resurrection are treated in other classes.

Outline of Matthew

The Infancy Narrative (1:1-2:23)

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The Passion and Resurrection (26:1-28:20)

**One division of the gospel includes
5 great discourses that end with
“When Jesus finished these words....”**

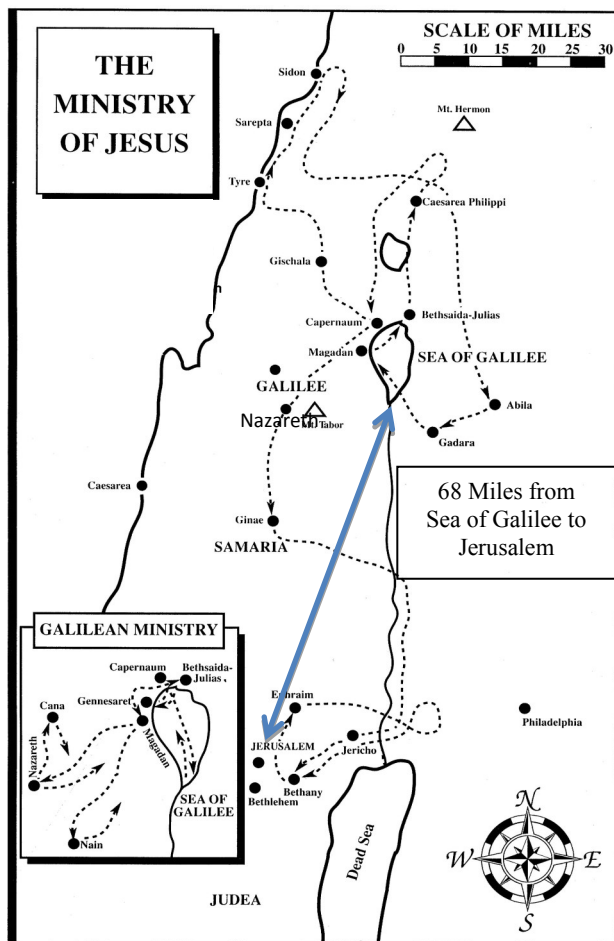
The Sermon on the Mount (3:13-7:27)

The Missionary Discourse (10:5-42)

The Parable Discourse (11:2-13:53)

Church Order Discourse (13:54-18:35)

Eschatological Discourse (19:1-25:46)



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

1. The Preaching of John the Baptist (3:1-12)
2. The Baptism of Jesus (3:13-17)
3. The Temptation of Jesus (4:1-11)
4. The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry (4:12-17)
5. The Call of the First Disciples (4:18-22)
6. Ministering to a Great Multitude (4:23-25)

Discourse #1—Sermon on the Mount (5:1-7:29)

7. Introduction of the Sermon on the Mount (5:1-2)
8. Beatitudes (5:3-12)
9. The Similes of Salt and Light (5:13-16)
10. Teaching about the Law (5:17-20)
11. Teaching about Anger (5:21-26)
12. Teaching about Adultery (5:27-30)
13. Teaching about Divorce (5:31-32)
14. Teaching about Oaths (5:33-37)
15. Teaching about Retaliation (5:38-42)
16. Love of Enemies (5:43-48)
17. Teaching about Almsgiving (6:1-4)
18. Teaching about Prayer (6:5-7)
19. The Lord's Prayer (6:9-15)
20. Teaching about Fasting (6:16-18)
21. Treasure in Heaven (6:19-21)
22. Light of the Body (6:22-23)
23. God and Money (6:24)
24. Dependence on God (6:25-34)
25. Judging Others (7:1-5)
26. Pearls before Swine (7:6)
27. The Answer to Prayers (7:7-11)
28. The Golden Rule (7:12)
29. The Narrow Gate (7:13-14)
30. False Prophets (7:15-20)
31. The True Disciple (7:21-23)
32. The two Foundations (7:24-29)

THE MINISTRY AND MISSION IN GALILEE

33. The Cleansing of a Leper (8:1-4)
34. The Healing of a Centurion's Servant (8:5-13)
35. The Cure of Peter's Mother-in-Law (8:14-15)
36. Other Healings (8:16-17)
37. The Would-be Followers of Jesus (8:18-22)
38. The Calming of the Storm at Sea (8:23-27)
39. The Healing of the Gadarene Demoniacs (8:28-34)
40. The Healing of a Paralytic (9:1-8)
41. The Call of Matthew (9:9-13)
42. The Question about Fasting (9:14-17)
43. The Official's Daugh./Woman with Hemorrhage (9:18-26)
44. The Healing of Two Blind Men (9:27-31)
45. The Healing of a Mute Person (9:32-34)
46. The Compassion of Jesus (9:35-9:38)

Discourse #2—Missionary Discourse

47. The Mission of the Twelve (10:1-4)
48. The Commission of the Twelve (10:5-15)
49. Coming Persecutions (10:16-25)
50. Courage under Persecution (10:26-33)
51. Jesus: a Cause of Division (10:34-36)
52. The Conditions of Discipleship (10:37-39)
53. Rewards (10:40-11:1)

THE OPPOSITION FROM ISRAEL

54. The Messengers from John the Baptist (11:2-6)
55. Jesus' Testimony to John (11:7-19)
56. Reproaches to Unrepentant Towns (11:20-24)
57. The Praise of the Father (11:25-27)
58. The Gentle Mastery of Christ (11:28-30)
59. Picking Grain on the Sabbath (12:1-8)
60. The Man with the Withered Hand (12:9-14)
61. The Chosen Servant (12:15-21)
62. Jesus and Beelzebul (12:22-32)
63. A Tree and Its Fruits (12:33-37)
64. The Demand for a Sign (12:38-42)
65. The Return of the Unclean Spirit (12:43-45)
66. The True Family of Jesus (12:46-50)

Discourse #3—The Parable Discourse

67. The Parable of the Sower (13:1-9)
68. The Purpose of Parables (13:10-15)
69. The Privilege of Discipleship (13:16-17)
70. The Explanation of the Parable of the Sower (13:18-23)
71. The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat (13:24-30)
72. The Parable of the Mustard Seed (13:31-32)
73. The Parable of the Yeast (13:33)
74. The Use of Parables (13:34-35)
75. The Explanation of the Parable of the Weeds (13:36-43)
76. More Parables (13:44-50)
77. Treasures New and Old (13:51-53)

JESUS, THE KINGDOM, AND THE CHURCH

78. The Rejection at Nazareth (13:54-58)
79. Herod's Opinion of Jesus (14:1-2)
80. The Death of John the Baptist (14:3-12)
81. The Return of the Twelve and the Feeding of the Five Thousand (14:13-21)
82. The Walking on the Water (14:22-33)
83. The Healing at Gennesaret (14:34-36)
84. The Tradition of the Elders (15:12-20)
85. The Canaanite Woman's Faith (15:21-28)
86. The Healing of Many People (15:29-31)
87. The Feeding of the Four Thousand (15:32-39)
88. The Demand for a Sign (16:1-4)
89. The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees (16:5-12)
90. Peter's Confession about Jesus (16:13-20)
91. The First Prediction of the Passion (16:21-23)
92. The Conditions of Discipleship (16:24-28)
93. The Transfiguration (17:1-8)
94. The Coming of Elijah (17:9-13)
95. The Healing of a Boy with a Demon (17:14-21)
96. The Second Prediction of the Passion (17:22-23)
97. Payment of the Temple Tax (17:24-27)

Discourse #4—The Church Order Discourse

98. The Greatest in the Kingdom (18:1-5)
99. Temptations to Sin (18:6-9)
100. The Parable of the Lost Sheep (18:10-14)
101. A Brother Who Sins (18:15-20)
102. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (18:21-35)

THE MINISTRY IN JUDEA AND JERUSALEM

98. Marriage and Divorce (19:1-12)
99. Blessing of the Children (19:13-15)
100. The Rich Young Man (19:16-30)
101. The Worker in the Vineyard (20:1-16)
102. The Third Prediction of the Passion (20:17-19)
103. The Request of James and John (20:20-28)
104. The Healing of Two Blind Men (20:29-34)
110. The Entry into Jerusalem (21:1-11)
111. The Cleansing of the Temple (21:12-17)
112. The Cursing of the Fig Tree (21:18-22)
113. The Authority of Jesus Questioned (21:23-27)
114. The Parable of the Two Sons (21:28-32)
115. The Parable of the Tenants (21:33-46)
116. The Parable of the Wedding Feast (22:1-14)
117. Paying Taxes to the Emperor (22:15-22)
118. The Question about the Resurrection (22:23-33)
119. The Greatest Commandment (22:34-40)
120. The Question about David's Son (22:41-45)
121. Denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees (23:1-36)
122. The Lament over Jerusalem (23:37-39)
123. The Destruction of the Temple Foretold (24:1-2)

Discourse #5—The Eschatological Discourse

110. The Beginning of Calamities (24:3-14)
111. The Great Tribulation (24:15-28)
112. The Coming of the Son of Man (24:29-31)
113. The Lesson of the Fig Tree (24:32-35)
114. The Unknown Day and Hour (24:36-44)
115. The Faithful or Unfaithful Servant (24:45-51)
116. The Parable of the Ten Virgins (25:1-13)
117. The Parable of the Talents (25:14-30)
118. The Judgment of the Nations (25:31-46)

Read LUKE 6:43-45

1) Read the text and footnotes and the commentary below

...with the rest of us .

(3) Verses 43 and 44 remind us that people cannot be judged in any other way than by their deeds. It was said to a teacher, 'I cannot hear what you say for listening to what you are.' Teaching and preaching are both 'truth through personality'. Fine words will never take the place of fine deeds. That is very relevant today. We fear the growth of secularism within society. We will never overcome this by writing books and pamphlets and holding discussion groups. The only way to prove the superiority of Christianity is to show by our lives that it produces better men and women.

(4) Verse 45. In this verse Jesus offers a reminder that the words of our lips are in the last analysis the product of our hearts. We cannot speak of God with our mouths unless God's Spirit is in our hearts. Nothing shows the state of our hearts so well as words spoken without careful consideration, when talking freely and saying, as we put it, the first thing which comes into our heads. If you ask directions to a certain place,

one person may tell you it is near such and such a *church*; another, that it is near such and such a *cinema*; another, that it is near such and such a *football ground*; another, that it is near such and such a *bar*. The very words of the answer to a chance question often show where our thoughts most naturally turn and where the interests of our hearts lie. Always our speech betrays us.

2) The Three "H's"

Head

Heart

Hands

The Baptism of Jesus in Matthew

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. 16 After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The Baptism of Jesus in Mark.

9 It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. 10 On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.* 11 And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Baptism of Jesus in Luke.

21 After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."