Matthew Part 1

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Detailed Bible Book Outline

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I. The Introduction of the King Matthew 1:1-4:11

A. The background of the King - 1:1-3:12

1. The ancestry of Jesus - 1:1-17

a. Jesus Christ was from the family of David - 1:1-6

1). Christ was a descendent of David and Abraham - 1:1-2

2). Christ had four women mentioned in His genealogy - 1:3-6

a). Tamar was the mother of Perez and Zerah - 1:3-4

Tamar was from the land of Canaan - Genesis 38:1-6 Tamar committed adultery with Judah - Genesis 38:15-17 Tamar became a part of the family of Christ - Genesis 46:12

b). Rahab was the mother of Boaz - 1:5a

Rahab had been a prostitute in Jericho - Joshua 2:2 Rahab showed faith by hiding the spies - Joshua 2:6 Rahab was the great-great-grandmother of David - Ruth 4:21-22 Rahab is listed in the heroes of faith - Hebrews 11:31

c). Ruth was the mother of Obed - 1:5b

Ruth was a foreigner from Moab - Ruth 1:4 Ruth chose to believe the true God - Ruth 1:15-17 Ruth became the wife of Boaz - Ruth 4:13 Ruth became the great-grandmother of David - Ruth 4:21-22

d). Bathsheba was the mother of Solomon - 1:6

Bathsheba had been the wife of Uriah - II Sam. 11:2-3 Bathsheba was taken to David - II Sam. 11:4 Bathsheba became pregnant by David - II Sam. 11:5 Bathsheba heard her husband had been killed - II Sam. 11:17-26 b. Jesus Christ was a legal descendent of all of the kings of Judah - 1:7-11

Jeconiah (also called Coniah or Jehoiachin) was barred from having a descendent sit on the throne of David Jeremiah 22:24-30

"As I live,' says the Lord, 'though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off; and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear--the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans. So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die. But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return. Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol--A vessel in which is no pleasure?

A vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, And cast into a land which they do not know? O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord: "Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah."""

c. Jesus Christ was considered a legal descendent of Joseph - 1:12-17

Joseph carried on the family line of David through Solomon

Mary carried on the family line of David through Nathan - Luke 3:23-38

Jesus was actually conceived through the Holy Spirit Luke 1:34-38

"Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."

2. The advent (birth) of Jesus - Matthew 1:18-25

a. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit - 1:18

Mary was betrothed to Joseph Mary had not come together with Joseph Mary was found with child by the Holy Spirit

b. Jesus had His birth revealed to Joseph in a dream - 1:19-22

1). Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant - 1:19

2). Joseph had an angel give him a message in a dream - 1:20

The angel gave Joseph a message in a dream The angel told Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife The angel said the child in her was conceived by the Holy Spirit

3). Joseph was told Jesus would save His people from their sins - 1:21

This Son was to be called Jesus (Savior) This Son would save His people from their sins

4). Joseph learned this was to fulfill the Old Testament - 1:22

c. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of the virgin birth - 1:23

The Old Testament promised a child to a virgin The Old Testament said this child would be a Son The Old Testament said this child would be named Immanuel (Immanuel means "God with us")

d. Jesus was the firstborn son of Mary - 1:24-25

Joseph awoke from his sleep Joseph did as the angel had said Joseph took Mary as His wife Joseph did not have sexual relations until after the birth of Jesus Jesus was the firstborn of Mary (Mary had other children by Joseph - Matt. 13:55) Joseph named this child Jesus 3. the association of Jesus with the Old Testament - Matthew 2:1-23

a. The site of His birth - 2:1-12

1). The wise men came from the east looking for the King of the Jews - 2:1-2

a). The arrival of the wise men - 2:1

These men arrived sometime after Jesus had been born Jesus went to the temple when He was forty days old - Luke 2:25-38 These men came during the time that Herod was the King These men came from the East These men came to Jerusalem first

b). The question of the wise men - 2:2

These men asked to see the King of the Jews that had been born These men said that they had seen His star in the East This was from the prophecy in Numbers 24:17

2). The wise men caused Herod and all Jerusalem to be troubled - 2:3-6

a). Herod was troubled when he heard this request - 2:3

Herod was quick to kill to protect His power - Matt. 2:16 Herod caused the people to fear who might get killed

b). Her<u>od asked the chief priests and scribes the birthplace of the Chri</u>st - 2:4

Herod gathered all the chief priests and scribes The chief priests were primarily Sadducees The scribes were primarily Pharisees Herod inquired of them where the Christ would be born

c). Herod learned that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem - 2:5-6

Herod heard that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem Herod heard the religious leaders quote Micah 5:2 as their answer "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." d). The wise men were told to tell Herod when they found the Christ - 2:7-8

Herod secretly called the wise men Herod determined from them what time the star appeared This information was later used when he killed the children - Matt. 2:16 Herod then sent them to Bethlehem Herod told them to search until they found the Child Herod told them to come and tell him when they found the Child

e). The wise men were led to Bethlehem by the star - 2:9-10

The star appeared as the wise men left Herod The star had appeared earlier in their land - Matt. 2:2 The star went before them as they traveled to Bethlehem God had earlier led Israel with a cloud and pillar - Ex. 13:21 The star stood over the place where the young Child was God identified the specific house where Christ was The star brought great joy to the wise men

f). The wise men found the young Child and worshiped Him - 2:11

The wise men came into the house The wise men saw the young Child with Mary Christ was now at least 40 days old - Luke 2:25-38 Christ was not yet two years old - Matt. 2:16 The wise men fell down and worshipped the young Child Worship recognizes the greatness of God - Acts 10:25-26 The wise men presented three kinds of gifts to the Child Gold - will be given to Christ in the future kingdom - Is. 60:5-6 Frankincense - incense was offered at the time of prayer - Ex. 30:34-37 Myrrh - this was included in the anointing oil - Ex. 30:23-25

g). The wise men were warned to return home another way - 2:12

The wise men were warned by God in a dream
God gave five dreams in relation to the early life of Christ Matt. 1:20; 2:12, 13, 19, 22
The wise men were told not to return to Herod
God prevented the evil plan of Herod - Matt. 2:16
The wise men returned home a different way
Herod was angry the wise men deceived him - Matt. 2:16

b. The sojourn in Egypt - 2:13-15

1). Joseph was told to flee to Egypt - 2:13

Joseph received another message in a dream Joseph was told to take Christ and the mother to Egypt Joseph was told to stay in Egypt until God told him to leave Joseph was told to return after Herod died - Matt. 2:19-20 Joseph was told Herod wanted to destroy Christ

2). Joseph took Christ and Mary and fled by night - 2:14

Joseph was obedient immediately Joseph and the family left during the night Bethlehem was only six miles south of Jerusalem

3). Joseph was used by God to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy - 2:15 Hosea 11:1

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son."

c. The slaughter of the babies - 2:16-18

1). Herod ordered the death of the young boys in Bethlehem - 2:16

Herod realized that the wise men had not obeyed his instructions Herod became very angry when the wise men did not return Herod ordered the death of the young male children in Bethlehem Herod ordered that all two years and under be killed Herod did this based on the time since the wise men saw the star

2). Herod did not know he was fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy - 2:17-18

God had used Jeremiah to prophesy about this event God fulfilled the prophecy given in Jeremiah 31:15 Thus says the Lord: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more." d. The shame of life - 2:19-23

1). Joseph was told to take Christ back to the land of Israel - 2:19-20

The Lord gave Joseph another dream The Lord sent an angel to Joseph in the dream The Lord told Joseph to take Christ and the mother The Lord told Joseph to go to the land of Israel The Lord told Joseph that Herod was dead

2). Joseph and the family came into Israel - 2:21

The Lord saw the obedience of Joseph Joseph was obedient each time he had a dream - Matt. 1:24-25 Joseph acted immediately to obey the dreams - Matt. 2:13-14 The Lord saw Joseph take the young Child and the mother The Lord saw Joseph return to the land of Israel

3). Joseph heard that the son of Herod had become the ruler - 2:22

Joseph heard Archelaus was the new ruler Joseph knew Archelaus was the son of Herod Archelaus ruled Judea, Idumea and Samaria Archelaus only ruled for a short time because he was so evil Joseph was then afraid to go to Judah Joseph received another warning from God Joseph was told to go into Galilee Herod Antipas, a different son of Herod, ruled Galilee

This was the Herod that killed John the Baptist - Matt. 14:1-12 This was the Herod that examined Jesus - Luke 23:7-12

4). Joseph then returned to the city of Nazareth - 2:23

Joseph took the family to Nazareth Nazareth was their original hometown - Luke 2:1-5 Joseph was led by God to fulfill the Old Testament This could be a reference to Isaiah 11:1 and refer to the Hebrew word for Nazarene This could refer to the fact that Nazareth was a town that was despised - John 1:46 Several prophecies said that the Christ would be despised It was said that the Christ would ridiculed - Psalm 22:6-8 It was said that the Christ would be despised and abhorred - Is. 49:7 It was said that the Christ would be rejected - Is. 53:3 4. the ambassador of Jesus (the forerunner) - Matthew 3:1-12

a. The proclamation of John the Baptist - 3:1-3

1). John was preaching in the wilderness - 3:1

This was near the place the Jordan River flowed into the Dead Sea The wilderness of Judea was just west of the Dead Sea

2). John was preaching a message of repentance - 3:2

Repentance is turning from sin and turning to God John said that true repentance would produce good fruits - Matt. 3:8 **John told the people that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand** (this is called the Kingdom of God in the rest of the Bible)

3). John was the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3

John said he came to fulfill the words of Isaiah John called himself a voice He was the voice that introduced the Lamb of God - John 1:29 John said to prepare the way of the Lord This was a call to prepare their hearts - Jeremiah 17:9 John said to make the paths of the Lord straight A king had workmen go ahead to prepare the road Christ sent John ahead to prepare the hearts of the people

b. The profile of John the Baptist - 3:4

John was clothed in camel's hair John wore a leather belt around his waist This reminded the people of Elijah - II Kings 1:8 John ate locusts and wild honey

c. the preparation of a remnant of people - 3:5-6

The people from Jerusalem were going to hear John The people from throughout Judea were going to hear John The people were being baptized by John John's baptism was a baptism of repentance - Acts 19:4 The people were confessing their sins This was evidence of true repentance - Acts 3:19 d. The plea to the authorities - 3:7-12

1). John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees - 3:7

Many Pharisees came to the baptism of John The Pharisees tried to depend on their own works - Matt. 19:16 Many Sadducees come to the baptism of John The Sadducees denied the resurrection - Acts 23:8 John called both groups "brood of vipers" A viper is a poisonous snake - Acts 28:3-6 John warned both groups to flee the wrath to come

2). John told the religious leaders to bring forth fruits of repentance - 3:8-9

John told the religious leaders to bring forth fruits of repentance Good works are the result of repentance - Matt. 5:16 John told them not to depend on the fact they were descendants of Abraham John said that God could raise up descendants of Abraham from the stones

3). John told the religious leaders that judgment was coming - 3:10

John said the ax was already laid to the root of the tree John said the trees that did not bear good fruit would be cut down Jesus said false teachers cannot bear good fruit - Matt. 7:15-23 John said that those trees cut down would be thrown into the fire

4). John told the people about the coming of Christ - 3:11-12

John said that his baptism was a baptism of repentance John said there was One greater than he coming after him Christ is the Beloved Son of God - Matt. 3:13-17 John said that One would baptize with the Holy Spirit Christ promised to baptize all believers with the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8 We do not belong to Christ if we do not have the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:9 John said that One would baptize with fire This is the eternal judgment of all unbelievers - Rev. 20:15 John said that One would separate the wheat from the chaff Christ will separate the believing from the unbelieving - Matt. 25:32-34, 46 John said that One would gather the wheat into the barn All that come to Christ will receive eternal life - Romans 6:23 John said that One would burn the chaff with eternal fire All who reject Christ will receive eternal judgment - Matt. 13:49-50 **B.** The baptism of the King - Matthew 3:13-17

1. the setting for the baptism of Jesus - 3:13-14

Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized Jesus asked John to baptize Him Jesus heard John say why he did not think he should baptize Jesus John knew that his baptism was a baptism of repentance - Matt. 3:6 Jesus heard John say that he should be baptized by Jesus

2. the significance of the baptism of Jesus - 3:15

Jesus asked John to fulfill His request Jesus had chosen to identify Himself with sinners - II Cor. 5:21 Jesus said that it was necessary to fulfill all righteousness Jesus did this so we could receive His righteousness - II Cor. 5:21 Jesus then heard John would baptize Him

3. the signs at the baptism of Jesus - 3:16-17

Jesus was baptized by John Jesus then came up out of the water

a. the vision of the opened heaven - 3:16a

John saw the heavens opened to Jesus These verses give a clear picture of the Trinity The Father spoke from heaven The Spirit came from heaven The Son was recognized by the Father

b. The visitation of the empowering Spirit - 3:16b

John saw the Spirit descending like a dove John saw the Spirit alighting on Jesus

c. the voice of the satisfied Father - 3:17

John heard a voice from heaven John heard that Jesus was the Beloved Son of the Father The Father also spoke near the time of the death of Christ - John 12:28-30 John heard that the Father was well pleased with Jesus C. the battle of the King - Matthew 4:1-11

1. the setting for the battle with Satan - 4:1-2

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness God wanted us to understand how Satan tempts - James 1:13-15 God allowed Satan to test Job - Job 1:6-12 God allowed Satan to test Jesus - Matt. 4:1-11 God wanted to show us He makes a way of escape - I Cor. 10:13 Jesus was led there to be tempted by the devil Jesus was tempted in the same three ways that Adam and Eve were tempted The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life - I John 2:16 Adam and Eve were defeated by these temptations - Genesis 3:5-6 Jesus had victory over these same three temptations - Matt. 4:4, 7, 10

2. the specifics of the battle with Satan - 4:3-10

a. Jesus depended on the supply of the Father - 4:3-4

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights Jesus spent forty days preparing for this time Jesus was hungry after this time of fasting Jesus showed that He was the God-man He had hunger which showed He is human He had total victory over Satan which showed He is God Jesus experienced the tempter coming to Him Satan tried to attack when he thought Jesus was physically weak Jesus was questioned and told to prove He was the Son of God Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3

"So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that <u>man shall not live by bread alone</u>; <u>but man lives</u> <u>by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord</u>."

b. Jesus defended the character of the Father - 4:5-7

1). The devil picked the location of the second temptation - 4:5

The devil took Jesus to the holy city (Jerusalem) The devil set Jesus on the pinnacle of the temple (this was the highest point of the temple - 65 feet high) 2). The devil misquoted the Scripture in the second temptation - 4:6

Satan shows that he knows Scripture but twists the meaning of it
Psalm 91:11-12"For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone."
Satan left out the part:
"To keep you in all your ways."
This part shows that we can totally trust God
Satan left this part out to justify testing God

3). The devil was defeated again by the Scripture - 4:7

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:16

"You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted Him in Massah."

c. Jesus described the need to worship the Father - 4:8-10

1). The devil also chose the location of the third temptation - 4:8

The devil took Jesus to an exceedingly high mountain The devil showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world

2). The devil offered to give Jesus the kingdoms of the world - 4:9

The devil offered to give these kingdoms to Jesus without suffering The devil gave as the condition that Jesus worship him

3). The devil was defeated a third time by the Scripture - 4:10

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13 "You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name."

3. the sequel to the battle with Satan - 4:11

The flight of Satan - James 4:7-8 The fellowship with angels The angels came to Jesus The angels ministered to Jesus

II. The Declaration of the King - Matthew 4:12-7:29

Matthew's material is arranged so as to set the stage for the Sermon on the Mount

A. The setting for the Sermon on the Mount - 4:12-29

1. the ministry of Jesus began in Galilee - 4:12-16

a) Jesus departed to Galilee - 4:12-13

Jesus heard that John had been cast into prison Herod arrested John to please Herodias - Luke 3:19-20 Jesus then went to Galilee Jesus had been tempted in the wilderness - Matt. 4:1 Jesus left Nazareth Nazareth had a bad reputation among other Jews - John 1:46 Jesus was later rejected in Nazareth - Luke 4:16-30 Jesus came and stayed in Capernaum This city was located by the Sea of Galilee This city was in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali The city saw many miracles of Jesus - Luke 4:23 This city was later warned of coming judgment - Matt. 11:23

b). Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah - 4:14-15

Isaiah said the Messiah would be in Zebulun and Naphtali Zebulun and Naphtali were both west of the Jordan
Isaiah said the Messiah would be in Galilee of the Gentiles
This was the first area of Israel captured by the Gentiles - II Kings 15:29 This was also an area that the Romans controlled in Jesus' time
Isaiah said the people in darkness would see great light Christ came to give light to the Gentiles - Luke 2:32
Isaiah said this light would come on those in the shadow of death Isaiah said that Jesus would be a light to the Gentiles - Is. 42:6-7

c). Jesus began to preach publicly - 4:17

The message of Jesus was a message to repent Jesus preached the same message as John the Baptist - Matt. 3:2 The message of Jesus was a message about the kingdom of heaven Matthew presented Jesus as the King of Israel - Matt. 2:1 2. The ministry of Jesus as He began building a team - 4:18-22

a). Jesus called Peter and Andrew to follow Him - 4:18-20

1). Peter and John were fishing when Jesus invited them to learn to serve - 4:18

Jesus called Peter and John by the Sea of Galilee These men first met Jesus about a year earlier - John 1:37-42 Jesus called Peter and John while they were working Jesus called most of the disciples while they were working - Matt. 9:9 Jesus called Peter and John to a new kind of fishing Jesus said that they would now catch men - Luke 5:4-11

2). Peter and Andrew immediately accepted the invitation of Jesus - 4:19-20

Jesus invited the two men to follow Him Jesus promised to train them to fish for men Jesus took them with Him to show them how to minister - Mark 1:38-39 Jesus saw them immediately leave their nets Jesus saw them follow Him

b). Jesus called James and John to follow Him - 4:21-22

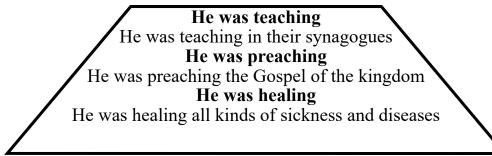
1). James and John were fishing when Jesus invited them to follow Him - 4:21

Jesus saw James and John in the boat with their father Jesus saw James and John mending their nets Jesus called and invited them to follow Him

2). James and John immediately accepted the invitation of Jesus - 4:22

The two men immediately left the boat and their father The two men immediately followed Jesus

3. The ministry of Jesus included His credentials as Messiah - 4:23-25



B. The Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5:1-7:29 The Theme: true righteousness which qualifies men for entrance into the Messianic Kingdom when it is established (5:20). This genuine righteousness, as opposed to the false righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, is shown by Christ as He taught

1. the features or attitudes of the kingdom - 5:1-12

a. Blessed are the poor in spirit - 5:1-3

1). Jesus prepared to teach the large crowd - 5:1-2

Jesus had a great crowd of people following Him Jesus then went up on a mountain Jesus sat down and His disciples gathered around Him Jesus then began to teach His disciples and the crowds

2). Jesus began to teach about the attitudes we should have - 5:3

Jesus taught about those who are blessed Jesus said that the poor in spirit (humble) are blessed This is an attitude of humbleness before God - Luke 18:13 Jesus said they will inherit the kingdom of heaven

b. Blessed are they that mourn - 5:4

Jesus said that those who mourn will be blessed This is godly sorrow that leads to true repentance - II Cor. 7:10 Jesus said that they will be comforted

c. Blessed are the meek - 5:5

Jesus said that those who are meek will be blessed This is an attitude of dependence on God and seeking His will Jesus said that they will inherit the earth

d. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness - 5:6

Jesus said those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed This is an attitude of seeking the righteousness of God Jesus said that they will be filled Jesus said those who are merciful will be blessed A merciful person is one who actively shows compassion Jesus became a man so He could provide satisfaction for our sins - Heb. 2:17 Jesus said that the merciful will obtain mercy

f. Blessed are the pure in heart - 5:8

Jesus said that the pure in heart will be blessed A pure heart is a heart that is pure from sin and guilt True love flows from a pure heart - I Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 2:22 Jesus said that the pure in heart will see God

g. Blessed are the peacemakers - 5:9

Jesus said that the peacemakers will be blessed A peacemaker is one who brings two opposing sides together God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:18-19 Jesus said that the peacemakers will be called the sons of God

h. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake - 5:10

Jesus said that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake will be blessed Jesus said those who persecute Him will persecute His followers - John 15:20 All who live godly lives will suffer persecution - II Tim. 3:12 Jesus said the kingdom belongs to those persecuted for righteousness' sake

i. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you - 5:11-12

Jesus said that we will be blessed when we are reviled To revile means to speak evil of us - Luke 6:22 Jesus said that we will be blessed when we are persecuted We are to love those who persecute and revile us - Matt. 5:44 Jesus said we will be blessed when others speak against us falsely We may have people speak against us falsely - I Tim. 4:1-2 Jesus said that we can rejoice and be exceedingly glad We can rejoice for the privilege to suffer for Christ - I Pet. 4:12-14 Jesus said that we will have a great reward in heaven The Lord says that a laborer is worthy of his reward - I Tim. 5:18 Jesus said that was the way that the prophets were treated

2. the figures (word pictures) of the kingdom - Matthew 5:13-16

a. We are called to be the salt of the earth - 5:13

Christ said that we are the salt of the earth We are to let our speech be seasoned with salt - Col. 4:5-6 Christ said that salt can lose its flavor The Lord does not want us to lose our impact - Matt. 9:50 Christ said that salt without flavor is good for nothing The Lord said salt is only good if it has flavor - Luke 14:34-35 Christ said that salt without flavor is thrown out Christ said that salt without flavor is walked over

b. We are called to be the light of the world - 5:14-16

1). Christ said that we are to be like a city on a hill - 5:14

Jesus said that we are the light of the world John came to bear witness of the true Light - John 1:4-9 Paul was sent to be a light to the Gentiles - Acts 13:47 Jesus said that we are like a city built on a hill Paul was sent to turn people from darkness to light - Acts 26:18 Jesus said that such a city cannot be hidden We are to put on the armor or light - Rom. 13:12

2). Christ said that we are to be like a lamp on a lampstand - 5:15

People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket
People do put a lamp on a lamp stand
We are the children of light - I Thess. 5:5
People do this to give light to those in the house
The purpose of a candle is to give light - Luke 11:35

3). Christ said that we are to let our light shine by our good works - 5:16

We are to let our light shine before the people of the world Christ said that people are sitting in the shadow of death - Matt. 4:16 We are to walk as children of light - Eph. 5:8 We are to do good works in our ministry to the world We give light as we love our brother - I John 2:10 We will encourage people to glorify our father in heaven We are to bring glory to God by all we do - I Cor. 10:31

3. the foundation of the kingdom - the Law of God - Matthew 5:17-7:12 Notice that this section opens with the Law and the Prophets (5:17ff) and closes with the Law and the Prophets

a. The standard of the Law of God - 5:17-20

1). Christ came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets - 5:17

Jesus did not come to destroy the Law Christ said the Law is to bring us to God - Gal. 3:24-25 Jesus did not come to destroy the Prophets Christ said that the Scriptures testified of Him - John 5:39 Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets Christ made it possible for righteousness to be fulfilled in us - Rom. 8:4 We also fulfill the law when we love one another - Rom. 13:8

2). Christ said nothing in the law would not be fulfilled - 5:18

Christ said the Law would be fulfilled even though heaven and earth pass away Jesus said that His words would not pass away - Matt. 24:35 Christ said that even the smallest part of the law would be fulfilled Old Testament feasts were the shadow but Jesus is the substance - Col. 2:16-17 Christ said that everything in the law would be fulfilled

3). Christ said that true faith brings obedience - 5:19

Jesus said there is a consequence for breaking the least commandment Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:10-13 Jesus said there is a consequence for teaching others to break the law Christ said to break one law makes each person guilty of all - James 2:10 Jesus said that such a person would be the least in the kingdom of heaven Jesus said that God looks for those who obey the law Christ said that we fulfill the law when we serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13-14 Jesus said that God looks for those who teach others to obey Jesus said that such people will be great in the kingdom of heaven

4). Christ said that the righteousness of the Pharisees was not enough - 5:20

Jesus said righteousness must exceed that of the scribes Jesus said righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees Jesus said otherwise a person could not enter the kingdom of heaven Christ made us the righteousness of God in Him - II Cor. 5:21 b. The samples from the Law of God - 5:21-7:11

1). The true teaching of the Law about anger - 5:21-26

a). Christ said the Law condemned murder - 5:21

The people had been taught the law The people knew that they were not to commit murder The people knew that there was a penalty for murder

b). Christ warned against the danger of anger - 5:22

Jesus warned of the danger of being angry at a brother We are to be angry at sin but not at the sinner - Eph. 4:26 Jesus said that anger also put a person in danger of judgment The elder brother was angry with his brother - Luke 15:28 Jesus said that verbal abuse was the same as murder We are to be careful what we speak - Prov. 13:3 Jesus said that judgment was the fire of hell

c). Christ taught about the importance of reconciliation - 5:23-24

Jesus told the people what to do when they brought a sacrifice to offer Jesus said if a brother had something against them to leave the sacrifice God reconciled us to Himself through the sacrifice of Christ - II Cor. 5:18 Jesus said to go and first be reconciled to the brother Jesus explained the process of reconciliation - Luke 17:3-4 Jesus said then the person could offer their sacrifice

d). Christ taught the consequences of unresolved conflict - 5:25

Jesus said to agree with your adversary quickly Jesus said to reach agreement before you get to court Jesus said your adversary may bring the case to the judge Jesus said the judge may turn you over to the officer Jesus said the officer may put you in prison

e). Christ said the full penalty of the Law would be paid - 5:26

Jesus said you will not just be set free from prison Jesus said you may pay the full penalty We will reap what we sow - Gal. 6:7

2). The true teaching of the Law about adultery - 5:27-30

a.) Christ said that the Law condemned adultery - 5:27

The people had been taught the law The law forbid adultery - Ex. 20:22 The people knew that they were not to commit adultery The law gave the penalty for adultery - Lev. 20:10 The law even said sex before marriage was adultery - Deut. 22:17-21 The people were quick to accuse others of adultery - John 8:4-6

b). Christ said that lust in the heart is adultery - 5:28

Jesus warned about looking at a woman with lust

The word "lust" means to desire for or to seek things forbidden This violates the commandment about coveting - Rom. 13:7 Jesus said the person has already committed adultery in the heart A desire for another person sexually is adultery in the heart David looked, David inquired, David committed adultery - II Sam. 11:2-4 The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9

c). Christ warned of the danger of our eyes offending - 5:29

Jesus explained what to do if your eye caused lust Jesus said to pluck out your eye

Jesus had just pointed out the fact that the real problem is in the heart - Matt. 5:28 Jesus explained that choices produce consequences Jesus said it was better to lose one part of your body A choice can affect a part of the physical body - Matt. 5:30 Jesus said the worse choice would be to have your whole body cast into hell A wrong spiritual choice can affect your eternal consequences - Rev. 20:15

d). Christ said the full penalty of the Law would be paid - 5:30

Jesus explained what to do if your right hand causes you to sin We also offend when we cause others to sin - Rom. 14:21 Jesus said to remove your hand Jesus said it was better to lose one part of your body It is better to be physically crippled - Mark 9:43, 45 Jesus said the worse choice would be to have your whole body cast into hell A spiritual choice has eternal consequences - Mark 9:44, 46, 48 3). The true teaching of the Law about divorce - 5:31-32

a). Christ explained what the Law said about divorce - 5:31

The people had been taught the law about divorce
The law did permit divorce - Deut. 24:1-4The rabbis said that divorce was commanded - Matt. 19:7The rabbis had changed the meaning of the lawJesus said it was permitted because of hardness of heart - Matt. 19:8

b). Christ explained the Law shows divorce is sin - 5:32

Jesus said the only reason for divorce is sexual immorality This reason was permitted but certainly not required - Matt. 19:9 Jesus said to divorce for any other reason causes adultery Jesus said to marry a divorced woman is to commit adultery

4). The true teaching of the Law about oaths - 5:33-37

a). Christ said the Law condemned false oaths - 5:33

The people had been taught the law about making oaths The people knew it was sin to make a false oath They were encouraged to abstain from vowing - Deut. 23:21-23 The people knew they were to perform their oaths to God

b). Christ said we are not to make an oath at all - 5:34-36

Jesus said not to make any oath We are told not to swear at all - James 5:12 Jesus said they were not to make an oath by heaven Jesus said they were not to make an oath by the earth Jesus said they were not to make an oath by Jerusalem Jesus said not to make an oath by their head Jesus said they could not change the color of their hair

c). Christ said we are to be people of our word - 5:37

Jesus said to just say yes or no Jesus practiced this by His own actions - Matt. 26:63 Jesus said anything more than yes or no is evil

5). The true teaching of the Law about avenging (getting even) - 5:38-48

a). Christ explained what the Law said about getting even - 5:38

The people had been taught the law The law gave the penalty for crime - Ex. 21:24 **The people had been taught to get even** The people changed the meaning to give an excuse for revenge The law has penalties to cause people to fear - Deut 19:20-21 The law was to maintain justice in the land - Lev. 24:20

b). Christ said that we are to turn the other cheek - 5:39-40

Jesus said that they were not to resist an evil person An evil person will follow the example of his master - John 8:44 Jesus said they were not to retaliate when they were hit God is kind even to the evil person - Luke 6:35 Paul said that God would do the retaliation - Acts 23:2-5 Jesus said they were to offer the other cheek We are to offer the other cheek - Luke 6:29 Jesus said that they were not to retaliate when they were sued We are to be willing to give our coat - Luke 6:29 Jesus said they were to give even more than was required We are to give to those who demand of us - Luke 6:30

c). Christ said we are to go the extra mile - 5:41

Jesus said they were not to react against Roman force Simon was forced to carry the cross of Jesus - Matt. 27:32 Jesus said they were to do more than was required We are to treat others as we want to be treated - Luke 6:31

d). Christ said we are to share with others - 5:42

Jesus said we are to give to those in need God will reward us according to the way we give - II Cor. 9:6 We are to be ready to give and willing to share - I Tim. 6:18 We are to give because of the purpose in our hearts - II Cor. 9:7 Jesus said we are not to reject one who asks to borrow The law told Jews to have a great concern for the poor - Deut. 15:7-11 We are to give even to those who cannot give back - Luke 6:35

e). Christ explained what the Law said about loving and hating - 5:43

The people had been taught the law about loving
The people had been taught to love their neighborThis quotation from Leviticus 19:18 warns against taking vengeanceThe people had been taught to hate their enemy
This was the teaching of the Pharisees and scribes

f). Christ explained what it means to love our enemy - 5:44-45

Jesus said that we are to love our enemies The Old Testament taught love for enemies - Prov. 25:21-22 Jesus said we are to bless those who curse us Christians are not to curse anyone - Rom. 12:14 Jesus said we are to do good to those who hate us Jesus taught to do good even on the Sabbath - Matt. 12:12 Jesus said we are to pray for those who despitefully use us Jesus said we are to pray for those who persecute us Jesus said we are to pray for those who persecute us Jesus said then we will be the sons of our Father in heaven Jesus said the Father causes the sun to shine on both the good and the evil God is kind to both the unthankful and the evil - Luke 6:35 Jesus said the Father sends rain on the just and the unjust

g). Christ explained how true obedience makes a person different - 5:46-47

Jesus said there is no reward if we love those who love us The reward comes when we love those who hate us - Luke 6:35 Jesus said even the evil love those who love them Jesus said there is no reward if we only greet those who love us Jesus said everyone greets their friends Jesus said even the tax collectors greet their friends Matthew invited his tax collector friends to meet Jesus - Matt. 9:10-11

h). Christ explained that we are to follow the example of the Father - 5:48

Jesus said the law requires us to be perfect Jesus told those without sin to cast the first stone - John 8:7 All were convicted by their own consciences - John 8:8 Jesus said only the Father has that perfection Jesus said the only One that is good is God - Luke 18:19 6). The true teaching of the Law about giving alms - 6:1-4

a). Christ taught about those who give to receive the praise of men - 6:1

Jesus warned about doing charitable deeds before men The Pharisee prayed with himself - Luke 18:11 Jesus said such actions would not be rewarded by the Father The Pharisee was not justified - Luke 18:14; 21:1-4 We are to seek the reward of the Father - Mark 9:41

b). Christ taught what to avoid when giving to others - 6:2

Jesus said not to announce that you are doing a charitable deed We are not to let the left hand know what the right hand does - Matt. 6:3 We will have great reward if we are faithful - Luke 6:22 We will have a reward if our works abide - I Cor. 3:14 Jesus said that is what the hypocrites do The Pharisees wanted to be seen by men - Matt. 23:5 Jesus said they did this in the streets The scribes wanted greetings in the marketplaces - Mark 12:38 Jesus said they did this in the synagogues The Pharisees wanted the best seats in the synagogues - Matt. 23:6 Jesus said they did this to receive glory from men The hypocrites have their reward - Matt. 6:16 Jesus said that is the only reward they will receive

c). Christ taught about the proper way to give - 6:3

Jesus described the proper way to give God loves a cheerful giver - II Cor. 9:7 Jesus said not to let the left hand know what the right hand did

d). Christ taught about the kind of giving the Father rewards - 6:4

Jesus said to do charitable deeds in secret Jesus said that the Father would know what they did in secret The Father is observing what we do - Mark 9:41 Jesus said that the Father would reward them openly We will be rewarded according to our labor - I Cor. 3:8 God said the workman is worthy of his reward - I Tim. 5:18 Our desire should be to receive a full reward - II John 8 7). The true teaching of the Law about prayer - 6:5-15

a). Christ described the prayers of the hypocrites - 6:5

Jesus said hypocrites had a special way of praying Hypocrites say prayers to impress people instead of talking to God Jesus said hypocrites loved to pray in the synagogue Hypocrites wanted to be seen as outwardly righteous - Matt. 23:28 Jesus said that hypocrites loved to pray on the street corners Hypocrites pray to impress people - Luke 18:11-12 Jesus said hypocrites loved to pray so they could be seen by men Hypocrites wanted to appear beautiful - Matt. 23:27 Jesus said that they have received their only reward Their reward is the praise of men - Luke 18:11

b). Christ said to pray in secret - 6:6

Jesus told us how we should pray Jesus said that we should pray where we are alone Jesus gave us many examples of praying alone - Mark 1:35 Jesus said we should pray to our Father in the secret place The Father knows what we do in the secret place - Matt. 6:18 Jesus said that the Father will reward us openly

c). Christ said to avoid vain repetitions - 6:7

Jesus said what to avoid when we pray Jesus said to avoid vain repetitions

Vain repetitions means to repeat the same words over and over Jesus said such vain repetitions are common among the heathen The hypocrites made long prayers to hide their sin - Matt. 23:14; Mark 12:40 Jesus said the heathen think that they will be heard for their many words This was what the prophets of Baal did - I Kings 18:26-29

d). Christ said to avoid being like the hypocrites - 6:8

Jesus told us not to pray like the heathen Jesus said the Father knows what we need The Father will provide our needs - Matt. 6:33 Jesus said the Father knows before we even ask Him The Father is the One who searches the hearts - Rom. 8:27

- e). Christ gave an example of the things about which to pray 6:9-13
- 1]. God's person and program first three petitions are for God's glory 6:9-10

We are to pray and recognize the character of God David began his prayer by recognizing God's character - Psalm 51:1-2 We are to recognize that He is our Father We can come to the Father with boldness - Heb. 4:16 We are to recognize that He is in heaven Solomon recognized God as greater than the heavens - I Kings 8:27 We are to recognize that He is holy We are to pray for the kingdom of God to come We are to pray for the kingdom of God to come We are to pray for the will of God to be done Christ asked for the will of the Father - Matt. 26:39 We are to pray for His will in the world - Rom. 8:26-27

2]. God's provision - last three petitions are for God's gifts - 6:11-13

We are to pray for our daily needs We are to trust God to supply our needs - Phil. 4:19 We are to pray for forgiveness We are to examine our lives - I Cor. 11:28-31 We are to confess our sins - I John 1:9 We are to pray for deliverance from temptation We are tempted by our own desires - James 1:13-15 We can know that God will provide a way of escape - I Cor. 10:13

f). Christ described how the Father will forgive us - 6:14-15

If we choose to forgive others their trespasses We received forgiveness at the moment of salvation - Acts 26:18 We are now given power to forgive one another - Eph. 4:32 We are to be willing to forgive many times - Luke 17:3-5 We are to know that our sins have been forgiven - I John 2:12 **Our Father will forgive us** The Father is satisfied with the payment of Christ - I John 2:2 **If we refuse to forgive others their trespasses** Such a person has never come to God in true repentance - Col. 1:14 **Our Father will not forgive our trespasses** The Father will require the full penalty of the law - Matt. 18:34-35 8). The true teaching of the Law about fasting - 6:16-18

a). Christ said we are not to fast like the hypocrites - 6:16

Jesus said the hypocrites had a special way of fasting The Pharisees fasted often - Matt. 9:14 Jesus said the hypocrites make their faces look sad Jesus said the hypocrites disfigure their faces Jesus said the hypocrites make sure everyone knows they are fasting This is illustrated by the Pharisee in Luke 18:11-12

b). Christ said we should not show that we are fasting - 6:17

Jesus said we are not to show that we are fasting Jesus said that we are to anoint our head Jesus said that we are to wash our face

c). Christ said the Father will reward us openly - 6:18

Jesus said we are not to appear like we are fasting Jesus said His disciples would fast when He was taken away - Mark 2:20 Jesus said that the father will know that we are fasting Fasting is often done when seeking the Lord's will - Acts 13:2-3 Fasting and prayer are often done together - Acts 14:23 Jesus said that the Father will reward us openly We will receive those rewards in the future - II Cor. 5:10

9). The true teaching of Law about treasure - 6:19-24

a). Christ said we must choose where we will lay up our treasure - 6:19-20

Jesus said that we are not to store up treasures on earth Our hearts will be where we have our treasure - Matt. 6:21 Jesus said that moth and rust corrupt treasures on earth This happens if our works only have earthly value - I Cor. 3:12-15 Jesus said that thieves steal treasures on earth Jesus said we are to store up treasures in heaven This happens as we do works that have eternal value - I Cor. 3:12-14 This is true even though our works may seem small - Matt. 10:42 Jesus said that moth and rust cannot destroy what is in heaven Jesus said that thieves cannot steal what is in heaven

b). Christ said where we lay up treasure will show our heart - 6:21

Jesus said that we will be focused on where we have our treasure The love of money causes people to stray from the faith - I Tim. 6:10 The man of God pursues things of eternal value - I Tim. 6:11-12
Jesus said where our treasure is will determine what our heart is like Those who seek treasure in heaven will be content on earth - I Tim. 6:8 Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation - I Tim. 6:9

c). Christ said if our eye is good we will have light - 6:22

Jesus said that the lamp of the body is the eye We either focus on heavenly values or earthly values Jesus said that light and darkness comes from within - Luke 11:34 Jesus said that it is important for our eye to be good When our eye is good our whole body is full of light - Luke 11:36 Jesus said that then our whole body will be full of light Our ministry is to turn people from darkness to light - Acts 26:18

d). Christ said if our eye is bad we will have darkness - 6:23

Jesus warned what will happen if our eye is bad When our eye is evil our whole body is full of darkness - Luke 11:34-35 Jesus said our whole body will be full of darkness Men love darkness when their deeds are evil - John 3:19 Jesus said such darkness is not light Darkness will cause lives to produce the works of darkness - Rom. 13:12 Jesus said that there will be great darkness Jesus called us out of darkness in His marvelous light - I Pet. 2:9

e). Christ said we cannot serve both God and money - 6:24

Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters The Pharisees taught one could serve both God and money - Luke 16:14-15 Jesus said that we will hate one master Jesus said that we will love the other master Jesus said that we will be loyal to one master Jesus said that we will despise the other master Those who love money will think little of God - Luke 16:13 Jesus said we cannot serve both God and mammon The rich are warned not to trust in riches - I Tim. 6:17-19 10). The true teaching of the law on worry - 6:25-34

Seven principles for resting in God free from worry about things (food and clothing are representative of all things)

a). the greater to the less - 6:25

Jesus told us not to worry about our life We are not to worry about what to say - Luke 12:11 Jesus told us not to worry about what we will eat Martha worried about what she was serving - Luke 10:41 Jesus told us not to worry about what we will drink We can be content with what we have - Heb. 13:5-6 Jesus told us not to worry about what we will wear The world sets their mind on earthly things - Phil. 3:18-19 Jesus said that our life is more than food or clothing Jesus said the world is concerned about these things - Luke 12:30

b). the less to the greater - 6:26

Jesus said to look at the birds of the air God provides food for the ravens - Job 38:41 Jesus said that the birds do not sow crops God satisfies the desires of every living thing - Psalm 145:16 Jesus said that the birds do not reap crops God provides the needs of the birds - Psalm 104:12 Jesus said that the birds do not gather into barns God can use the birds to teach us - Job 12:7 Jesus said that our heavenly Father feeds the birds God feeds the animals and young ravens - Psalm 147:9 Jesus said that we are much better than the birds God used the birds to feed Elijah - I Kings 17:4-6

c). the waste of time - 6:27

Jesus said that worry will not change us God tells us not to have an anxious mind - Luke 12:29 We can experience the peace of God - Phil . 4:7 Jesus said that worry will not add to our height We are to seek the kingdom of God - Luke 12:31 We are not to worry about anything - Phil. 4:6 Jesus asked why we worry about clothing Jesus said to look at the lilies in the field Jesus said that the lilies continue to grow Jesus said that the lilies do not toil or spin Jesus said that the lilies are more beautiful than Solomon Jesus said that Solomon was not arrayed as beautiful as the lilies Solomon had more than the Queen of Sheba could imagine - I Kings 10:6-13 Jesus said that the lilies and grass are here today and gone tomorrow Jesus said that we can trust the Father to provide us with clothing

e). the Father's awareness of our need - 6:31-32

Jesus told us three things about which we should not worry The things we eat The things we drink The things we wear Jesus said that the Gentiles worry about these things The nations seek the things of this world - Luke 12:31 Jesus said that the Father knows that we need these things The Father knows everything about us - Ps. 103:14

f). the priority of our lives - 6:33

Jesus told us to seek the kingdom of God first The kingdom of God is presently within us - Luke 17:21 Jesus told us to seek the righteousness of God first We are recreated in true righteousness - Eph. 4:24 Jesus said these things would be supplied for us God will freely give us all things - Rom. 8:32

g). the present tense life - 6:34

Jesus told us not to worry about tomorrow We are to cast our cares upon the Lord - I Pet. 5:7 We are not to worry about what might happen in the future - Matt. 10:19 Jesus said that tomorrow will worry about its own things God tells us to cast our cares on Him - I Pet. 5:7 Jesus said that the troubles of today are enough God will supply all of our needs - Phil. 4:19

- 11). The true teaching of the law about judging 7:1-6
- a). Christ said that we are not to judge others 7:1-5
- 1]. Jesus said we will be judged the way we judge others 7:1-2

We are not to judge others

We are told not to judge one another any more - Rom. 14:13 We are to realize we will be judged if we judge others If we do not judge, we will not be judged - Luke 6:37 We will be judged the same way we judge others We will be measured by the measure that we use We will be measured by the measure we use - Luke 6:38

2]. Jesus said we are to look at the plank in our own eye - 7:3-5

We can easily look at the tiny speck in the eye of another A speck was a tiny piece of straw or twig - Luke 6:41-42 We can easily ignore the big plank in our own eye A big plank was a large piece of lumber - Luke 6:41-42 We think that we can remove the tiny speck in our brother's eye We don't even think about the plank that needs to be removed from our eye We are not to judge one another any more - Rom. 14:13 We do not realize that we are being a hypocrite Those who are hypocrites will be judged - Matt. 23:13-30 We need to begin by removing the plank from our eye We are to confess our own sins first - James 5:16 We can then see to remove the speak in the eye of our brother Only after we deal with our sins can we see clearly to help others - Luke 6:42

b). Christ said that we are to recognize what is unholy - 7:6

Jesus said not to give what is holy to the dogs Dogs are used to speak of unbelievers - II Pet. 2:22 (an unbeliever lacks spiritual discernment) Jesus said not to throw pearls in front of pigs Pigs were considered unclean animals by the Jews - Lev. 11:7-8 Jesus said the pigs will trample the pearls with their feet Pigs have no respect for jewelry - Prov. 11:22 Jesus said the pigs will turn and tear us to pieces Pigs can be violent at times - Mark 5:13

12). The true promises regarding genuine prayer - 7:7-11

a). Christ promised to answer our requests - 7:7-8

Jesus said if we ask it will be given to us To make a request to God in prayer - Matt. 21:22 Jesus said if we seek that we will find To look for something in order to find it - Luke 15:8 Jesus said that if we knock it will be opened To knock at a door until it is opened - Acts 12:16 Jesus said that those who ask receive We receive mercy when we come to the Lord in prayer - Heb. 4:16 Jesus said that those who seek find This happens as we seek until we find - Luke 15:8 Jesus said that those who knock have the way opened Jesus gives the example by continuing to knock - Rev. 3:20

b). Christ promised that the Father is a loving Father - 7:9-11

Jesus asked what a father will do when a son asks for bread Jesus said that the father will not give the son a stone Jesus asked what a father would do if the son asked for a fish Jesus said that the father will not give a snake Jesus said that even though we are evil we give good gifts A loving father does not give gifts that harm - Matt. 7:9-10 Jesus said that we care for the needs of our children A loving father provides for his children - Eph. 6:4 A loving father provides a godly example to follow - I Thess. 2:10-12 Jesus said our heavenly Father will give good gifts to those who ask Him God provides good things to those who walk uprightly - Psalm 84:11 God says He will freely give us all things - Rom. 8:32 God gives us gifts that are good for us - James 1:17

c. The summary of the law of God - 7:12

Christ told us to think about how we want others to treat us We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - Matt. 22:39 Christ said to treat others the way that we want to be treated We are to show humility to all - Titus 3:2 Christ said that will fulfill the Law and the Prophets Christ said that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets - Matt. 5:17

4. the full understanding of the choices faced - Matthew 7:13-27

a. The two ways that we face in life - 7:13-14

1). Christ taught about the two gates - 7:13

Jesus said to seek the narrow gate Jesus is the door that leads into the fold - John 10:7-9 Jesus is the only name by which a person can be saved - Acts 4:12 Jesus said the wide gate leads to destruction The wide gate is dependence on our own righteousness - Is. 64:6 Jesus said that the broad way leads to destruction The way that seems right to man leads to death - Prov. 16:25 Jesus said that many take the broad way Many turned from Jesus when they heard the cost - John 6:66 2). Christ taught where the narrow gate leads - 7:14 Jesus said the narrow gate leads to life Jesus came to give abundant life - John 10:10-11 Jesus said that the narrow gate is difficult Jesus said the narrow way requires self denial - Mark 8:34-37 Jesus said that few find the narrow gate Many will not find the narrow gate - Luke 13:24 b. The two types of teaching that we will see - 7:15-20

1). Christ warned to beware of false teachers - 7:15

Jesus said we are to beware of false prophets Weak Christians can be easily deceived - Eph. 4:14 Jesus said that false prophets come in sheep's clothing Many people are deceived by signs and wonders - Mark 13:22 Jesus said that false prophets are actually ravenous wolves Satan uses false prophets to kill and destroy - John 10:10

2). Christ said that we will know false teachers by their fruits - 7:16

Jesus said that we will know false teachers by their fruits Their end will be according to their works - II Cor. 11:13-15 Jesus said we cannot gather grapes from thornbushes Jesus said we cannot gather figs from thistles 3). Christ said a good tree bears good fruit - 7:17-18

Jesus said a good tree bears good fruit Jesus says a bad tree bears bad fruit Jesus said a good tree cannot bear bad fruit Jesus said a bad tree cannot bear good fruit

4). Christ said that a bad tree will be cut down and burned - 7:19

Jesus warned what will happen to those who do not bear good fruit Jesus warned that such people will experience a judgment of fire

5). Christ said we will know false teachers by their fruits - 7:20

True teachers will be known by their fruits True teachers will bear fruit that remains - John 15:16 False teachers will also be known by their fruits II Peter 2:15-22 gives five characteristics of false teachers

c. the two types of profession that people make - 7:21-23

1). Christ said some will not enter the kingdom of heaven - 7:21

Jesus said words are not what shows true salvation God looks at the heart and not the lips - Is. 29:13 Jesus said doing the will of God shows true salvation God working in us will produce obedience - Phil. 2:12-13

2). Christ said some will try to depend on their own works - 7:22

Many will say that they have spoken in the name of the Lord Simon wanted to speak in the name of the Lord for self gain - Acts 8:18-23 Many will say they cast out demons in the name of the Lord The sons of Sceva did not know Jesus - Acts 19:13-16

3). Christ said He will tell them that He never knew them - 7:23

Jesus said that He never knew these people False teachers try to come as angels of light - II Cor. 11:13-15 Jesus said such people will experience judgment False teachers will experience eternal judgment - II Cor. 11:15

d. The two final results that will come - 7:24-27

1). Christ told what will happen to those who hear Him and obey - 7:24-25

Jesus had a promise for those who truly heard His sayings We will not be shaken if we truly hear - Luke 6:47-48 Jesus said that those who heard would also obey His sayings Jesus said we will bear much fruit as we obey Him - John 15:7-10 Jesus said that such a person could be compared to a wise man A wise man is a doers of the Word as well as a hearer - James 1:22 Those who hear and do will be blessed - James 1:25 Jesus said that a wise man will build on a rock (solid foundation) Christ is the Rock that is the solid foundation - Matt. 16:18 Jesus told what will happen when the storms come Those who hear and obey will stand strong - Luke 6:47-48 Jesus said that the house will not fall

2). Christ told what will happen to those who hear and do not obey - 7:26-27

Jesus had a warning for those who did not truly hear His sayings Many of the Jews did not really listen to the Word - Rom. 11:7-8 This dullness of hearing was later true of some believers - Heb. 5:11-14 Jesus said their lack of hearing would be shown by lack of obedience Many Jews called Jesus "Lord" but did not obey Him - Luke 6:46 Jesus said that such a person could be compared to a foolish man Those who hear and do nothing forget what they are like - James 1:23-24 Jesus said that such a person was like one who built on the sand This is compared to a house without a foundation - Luke 6:49 Jesus told what will happen when the storms come Those who hear and do nothing will be destroyed - Luke 6:49 Jesus said that the house would fall with a great fall

5. the final effect of the teaching of Jesus - Matthew 7:28-29

Jesus finished the Sermon on the Mount Jesus caused the people to be astonished by His teaching The Word of God is living and powerful - Heb. 4:12 Jesus taught as One who had authority Jesus explained what the Word of God teaches - Matt. 5:44-45 Jesus did not teach the way the scribes taught The scribes quoted other rabbis - Matt. 5:43

III. The Demonstration of the King - 8:1-11:1 His kingly authority is seen in various ways

A. Christ cured some who were sick - 8:1-17

1. Jesus healed a leper - 8:1-4

a. He came down from the mountain - 8:1

Christ came down from the mountain Christ had a great crowd following Him This crowd had been present earlier - Matt. 5:1

b. He had a leper come and worship Him - 8:2

A leper came to Jesus A leper worshiped Jesus A leper showed His faith The leper asked Christ to heal him - Mark 1:40 A leper asked Jesus to cleanse him The leper knew Christ could heal him - Mark 1:40-41

c. He healed the leper - 8:3

Jesus touched the leper A leper was unclean - Lev. 13:8 Jesus said He was willing to cleanse the leper The only question was whether Christ was willing - Mark 1:41 Jesus caused the leper to experience immediate healing The leper was cleansed when Jesus spoke the word - Mark 1:42

d. He sent the leper to the priest - 8:4

Jesus told the former leper to tell no one The leper did not follow instructions - Mark 1:45 Jesus told the leper to show himself to the priest This was what the law said to do - Lev. 14:1-2 Jesus told the leper to offer the sacrifice required by the law This was the sacrifice required by the Old Testament - Lev. 14:4-7 Jesus said that would be a testimony to the priests The last reported leper healed was Naaman - II Kings 5:11-14 2. Jesus healed a centurion's servant - 8:5-13

a. A centurion came to Jesus with a request - 8:5-7

Jesus entered the city of Capernaum Jesus had made this city his headquarters - Matt. 4:13 Jesus saw a centurion come to Him He sent messengers to speak for him - Luke 7:3 Jesus saw the centurion plead with Him The centurion had a great love for the Jews - Luke 7:4-5 Jesus heard the centurion had a servant that was paralyzed The centurion had a great love for his servant - Luke 7:2 Jesus heard that the servant was dreadfully tormented Tormented means to experience great pain of body or soul - Matt. 8:29 Jesus said that He would come and heal the servant Jesus went with the messengers to heal the servant - Luke 7:6

b. A centurion said he was not worthy for Jesus to enter his house - 8:8

The centurion answered the statement of Jesus Jewish tradition said entering a Gentile house defiled - John 18:28 A centurion did not expect Jews to come to his house - Acts 10:28 The centurion said that he was not worthy to have Jesus come to his house Jesus honored his faith and healed his servant by speaking the word - Matt. 8:13 The centurion did not even feel worthy to talk to Jesus personally - Luke 7:6-7 The centurion asked Jesus to just speak the word The centurion recognized the authority of Jesus - Matt. 28:18 The centurion said that he knew his servant would be healed The centurion showed that he had true faith - Luke 7:7-9

c. A centurion said he was also a man under authority - 8:9

The centurion said that he was also a man under authority The centurion recognized those in authority over him - Rom. 13:1 The centurion said that he had soldiers under his authority A centurion was over one hundred soldiers - Acts 23:23 The centurion said that he told a soldier to go and he went Roman soldiers obeyed the centurion over them - Luke 7:8 The centurion said that he told a soldier to come and he came The centurion said that he did the same with his servants A bondslave was required to be obedient - Eph. 6:5

d. A centurion showed greater faith than any in Israel - 8:10

Jesus marveled when He heard the centurion A Roman showed greater faith than any Jews - Luke 7:9 Jesus then spoke to the people following Him Jesus often taught through living illustrations - Matt. 8:25-27 Jesus said that He had not seen such great faith Jesus honored faith by promising salvation - Luke 7:50 Jesus honored faith by promising forgiveness - Luke 5:20 Jesus said that no one in Israel showed such faith Jesus said that none in Israel showed such faith

e. A centurion heard Jesus would accept many from other countries - 8:11

Jesus said many would come to Him from the east and the west God said that He would bring people of all nations to Himself - Rev. 7:9-10 Jesus said these people would be with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob The Jews were to be a light to the Gentiles - Is. 49:6 Jesus said these would all be together in the kingdom of heaven The redeemed will come from every nation and tribe - Rev. 5:9

f. A centurion heard Jesus say many Jews would be judged - 8:12

Jesus said that many Jews would be cast into outer darkness Only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham - Gal. 3:7 Jesus said that there they would weep The rich man went to immediate judgment - Luke 16:22-24 Jesus said that there they would gnash their teeth Jesus said many in Israel would be cast out - Luke 13:27-28 Jesus said it was hard for the rich to enter heaven - Luke 18:23-24

g. A centurion heard that his servant was healed - 8:13

Jesus told the centurion to go his way The centurion also had his faith honored - Luke 7:9 Jesus said that his belief would be rewarded The centurion also received salvation - Matt. 8:10 Jesus said that his request would be honored Jesus used his request to honor his faith - Luke 7:9 Jesus healed the servant that same hour The servant was well when the messengers returned - Luke 7:10

3. Jesus healed the mother-in-law of Peter - 8:14-15

Christ came to the home of Peter This home was located in Capernaum - Mark 1:21, 31 Christ saw the mother-in-law of Peter lying there The family told Jesus about the mother-in-law - Mark 1:30 Christ saw that she was sick with a fever The mother-in-law had a high fever - Luke 4:38 Christ touched the hand of the mother-in-law of Peter Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up - Mark 1:31 Christ caused the fever to leave the mother-in-law Jesus rebuked the fever and it left her - Luke 4:39 Christ saw the mother-in-law immediately get up This healing was immediate - Mark 1:31 Christ saw the mother-in-law begin to serve them She also received her strength and served them - Mark 1:31

4. Jesus healed many that were sick - 8:16-17

Christ had many people come to Him that evening The whole city gathered at the door - Mark 1:33 Many came to bring relatives needing healing - Luke 4:40 Christ had many demon possessed people brought to Him The people brought the sick and demon possessed to Jesus - Mark 1:32 Christ cast out the evil spirits with just a word Jesus cast out many demons - Mark 1:34 The demons cried as they came out - Luke 4:41 Jesus did not allow them to speak any more - Luke 4:41 Christ also healed all who were sick Jesus healed everyone that was brought to Him - Luke 4:40 Healing in Capernaum did not bring repentance and faith - Luke 10:15 Capernaum was promised a great judgment - Matt. 11;23-24 Christ came to fulfill the words of Isaiah Isaiah said that Jesus would bear our sins - Is. 53:4-5 Christ came to take infirmities Jesus came to be sin for us - II Cor. 5:21 Jesus took the curse of sin for us - Gal. 3:13 Jesus bore our sins on the cross - I Pet. 2:24 Christ came to heal sicknesses Christ healed every one that was brought - Luke 4:40 Ultimate healing will be in eternity - Rev. 21:4

B. Christ commanded a scribe and another man - 8:18-22

1. Jesus had a scribe who said he wanted to follow Jesus - 8:18-19

Christ had a large crowd of people around Him Jesus had just healed all of the sick - Matt. 8:16-17 Jesus had compassion when he saw crowds - Matt. 9:36 Christ told His disciples to depart to the other side of the sea Jesus had many things He wanted to teach His disciples: This included trust in Jesus - Matt. 8:22-27 This included learning to live by faith - Matt. 8:26 This included all power over demons - Matt. 8:28-34 Christ had a scribe come to Him as He prepared to depart This scribe had seen the miracles that Jesus had done - Matt. 8:16 Christ heard the scribe say He would follow Him This scribe said he would follow Jesus wherever He went - Luke 9:57 Jesus desires actions not just words - Matt. 7:21

2. Jesus said that He had no place of His own even to sleep - 8:20

Christ told the scribe that foxes have holes where they live The animals have holes that they can call home - Luke 9:58 Christ told the scribe that birds have their nests The birds have nests that they can call home - Luke 9:58 Christ said He had no home where He could lay His head Jesus had nothing He could call His own The man had not counted the cost and chose not follow - Luke 14:33 Many people made the choice to no longer follow Jesus - John 6:66 Jesus knew which people did have true belief - John 6:64

3. Jesus had a man say he would follow Jesus when his father died - 8:21-22

Another man also said that he would follow Jesus later He was like Agrippa who was almost persuaded - Acts 26:28 This man said he would do this after his father died The man said he must first bury his father - Luke 9:59 This man was invited to follow Jesus Jesus invited this man to follow Him - Luke 9:59 (we never read that this man ever followed Jesus) This man was told to let the dead bury their dead The spiritually dead can bury the physically dead - Luke 9:60 C. Christ calmed the sea - 8:23-27

1. Jesus got into a boat along with His disciples - 8:23

Christ got into a boat to cross the sea Jesus chose to cross the sea - Luke 8:22 Christ was joined by His disciples for this trip There were also other little boats with them - Mark 4:36

2. Jesus went to sleep as they crossed the sea - 8:24

Jesus allowed a great storm to arise in the sea Jesus allowed a great windstorm on the lake - Luke 8:23 Jesus allowed the waves to cover the boat The boat was already filling with water - Mark 4:37 Jesus was sleeping while the boat was filling with water The boat was filling with water - Mark 4:37

3. Jesus stilled the storm as the disciples watched - 8:25-26

Jesus was awakened by the disciples Jesus was asked to save them as they were perishing The disciples saw that they were in jeopardy - Luke 8:23 Jesus asked the disciples why they were fearful Jesus asked the disciples if they had no faith - Mark 4:40 Jesus told the disciples that they had little faith Jesus asked them where their faith was - Luke 8:25 Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the waves Jesus spoke to the wind and the waves - Mark 4:39 Jesus caused a great calm to come on the sea The wind stopped and there was a great calm - Luke 8:24

4. Jesus caused the disciples to be amazed - 8:27

The disciples were amazed as they saw what happened Part of the disciples had been fishermen on this lake - Mark 1:16-20 The disciples were learning about who Jesus is The disciples came to a new understanding of who Jesus is - Mark 4:41 Jesus did signs so the disciples would believe in Him - John 20:30-31 The disciples saw that even the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus Jesus showed the disciples that He had power over nature - Luke 8:25 D. Christ healed two demon possessed men among the Gergesenes - 8:28-34

1. Jesus met two demon possessed men - 8:28-29

Christ came to the country of the Gergesenes Christ was met by two demon possessed men Mark and Luke focus on one of the men Christ saw these men come out of the tombs Christ saw that the two men were very fierce The demons gave great power to the men - Luke 8:29 Satan was causing one man to try to destroy himself - Mark 5:5 Christ knew the two men would not allow anyone to pass by them Christ heard the two men cry out as they recognized Him The man worshiped but the demons feared - Mark 5:6-7 Christ heard as they were forced to recognize Him as the Son of God Demons feared Christ and faced judgment - II Pet. 2:4 Christ was asked why He came to torment them

2. Jesus allowed the demons to go into a herd of pigs - 8:30-32

Christ saw a herd of pigs feeding a distance from Him Christ heard the demons ask for permission to enter the pigs Christ gave the demons permission to go into the pigs Christ saw the pigs suddenly run down a steep place into the sea The demons caused the pigs to act insanely - Mark 5:11-13 Christ saw the pigs drown in the sea

3. Jesus saw the men who cared for the pigs flee - 8:33

Christ saw the pig herders run away The pig headers were controlled by fear - Luke 8:34 Christ knew that the pig herders were telling people in the city what happened The people of the city came to see what had happened - Luke 8:35 Christ knew they were telling about the two demon possessed men The people preferred their pigs to healed men - Luke 8:35-37

4. Jesus was asked to leave the country of the Gergesenes - 8:34

Christ saw the people of the city come out to meet Him Christ heard the people of the city ask Him to leave their region The people were controlled by fear - Luke 8:37 E. Christ healed a paralyzed man - 9:1-8

1. Jesus saw a paralyzed man brought to Him - 9:1

Christ crossed the sea in a boat Jesus had been in the area of the Gergesenes Christ came to His own city This was Capernaum - Matt. 8:5

2. Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven - 9:2

Christ saw a paralyzed man brought to Him This man was carried by four friends - Mark 2:4 Christ saw the faith of those who brought the man Jesus saw the faith of the four friends - Mark 2:5 Christ told the paralyzed man to be of good cheer The man was lowered to Jesus through the roof - Luke 5:19 Christ told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven - Luke 5:20

3. Jesus knew the thoughts of the religious leaders - 9:3-6

Christ knew the thoughts of the religious leaders These religious leaders had come from every town - Luke 5:17 Christ knew that their thoughts were evil The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9 The scribes thought Jesus was guilty of blasphemy - Luke 5:21 Christ asked if it was easier to forgive sins or tell a man to walk Christ could heal a person by either statement - Luke 5:24 Christ told the religious leaders that He had power to forgive sins Jesus was stating that He is God since only God can forgive - Mark 2:7 Christ told the paralyzed man to take up his bed and go home The man gave glory to God as he returned home - Luke 5:25

4. Jesus caused the people of the area to marvel - 9:7-8

Christ saw the man get up and go home Christ saw the crowd of people marvel Christ saw the crowd of people glorify God The common people glorified God - Luke 5:26 Christ saw that the people realized God gave that power F. Christ called a tax collector to follow Him - 9:9-13

1. Jesus invited Matthew to follow Him - 9:9

Matthew was collecting taxes when Jesus came by Jesus had just been teaching the multitude - Mark 2:13 Matthew was invited to follow Jesus Matthew made the choice to leave all - Luke 5:28 Matthew left his tax collecting and followed Jesus Jesus was criticized for going to the house of Matthew - Luke 5:30

2. Jesus saw many tax collectors and sinners join him for dinner - 9:10

Christ sat down for dinner in the house of Matthew Matthew prepared a great feast - Luke 5:29 Christ was joined by many tax collectors and sinners Many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus - Mark 2:15 Christ and His disciples ate with these tax collectors and sinners This caused the scribes and Pharisees to complain - Luke 5:30

3. Jesus heard the Pharisees complain to His disciples - 9:11

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners The Pharisees asked the disciples why Jesus was eating with tax collectors The Pharisees felt that tax collectors could not be forgiven - Luke 18:13 The Pharisees asked the disciples why Jesus was eating with sinners The leaders considered Jesus a friend of sinners - Matt. 11:18

4. Jesus answered the Pharisees for His disciples - 9:12-13

Christ heard the Pharisees questioning His disciples The Pharisees complained to the disciples - Luke 5:30 Christ answered for the disciples Jesus took the responsibility to answer the Pharisees - Luke 5:31 Christ said that those who are well do not go to the doctor Jesus came into the world to save sinners - I Tim. 1:15 Christ said that it is the sick who go to a doctor Christ said that He desired mercy rather than sacrifice Christ said that He did not come to call the righteous Jesus said He came to call the sinners - Mark 2:17 Christ said that He came to call sinners to repentance Jesus often showed His love for sinners - Luke 15:1-3 G. Christ changed the seasons - 9:14-17 Jesus has the authority to change the divine program among men. He had brought a new program (the kingdom) which, like new wine, cannot fit within the confines of the old wine-skins (Judaism).

1. Jesus was questioned by the disciples of John the Baptist - 9:14

The disciples of John came to talk to Jesus They came during a time that they were fasting - Mark 2:18 The disciples of John said that both they and the Pharisees fasted often This was a common practice among the Jews - Luke 18:12 The disciples of John asked why the disciples of Jesus did not fast The disciples of Jesus were feasting instead of fasting - Luke 5:29

2. Jesus said that the time would come when His disciples would fast - 9:15

Christ said His disciples could not fast while He was with them Jesus compared Himself to a groom at a wedding - Luke 5:34 Christ said that the time would come when He would be taken away Jesus said that one day He would be taken away - Luke 5:35 Christ said that then His disciples would fast Jesus said at that time the disciples would fast - Mark 2:20

3. Jesus said He was not trying to repair Judaism - 9:16

Christ did not come to patch up an old garment Jesus said no one uses a piece of a new garment to patch an old one - Luke 5:36 Christ said the patch would pull away from the old garment Jesus said new cloth will pull away from the old cloth - Mark 2:21 Christ said the tear would be made worse

4. Jesus said that He came to offer the kingdom - 9:17

Christ said people do not put new wine in old wineskins New wine will break old wineskins - Luke 5:37 Christ said that would break the wineskins and the wine would spill This would break the wineskins and spill the wine - Mark 2:22 Christ said the old wineskins would be ruined Christ said to put new wine in new wineskins so both would be preserved New wine must be put in new wineskins to preserve both - Luke 5:38 Christ came to build the church not repair Judaism - Matt. 16:18 H. Christ healed the daughter of a ruler - 9:18-19, 23-26

1. Jesus heard the concern of Jairus for his daughter - 9:18-19

Jairus came to Jesus and worshiped Him Jairus said that his daughter had just died Jesus said she would be made well - Luke 8:50 Jairus asked Jesus to come and heal his daughter Jairus saw Jesus and His disciples go with him

2. Jesus told the crowd that the girl was only sleeping - 9:23-24

Christ came to the house of Jairus Christ saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing Christ told the crowd that the girl was not dead Christ told the crowd that she was just sleeping Christ heard the crowd ridicule Him

3. Jesus raised the girl from the dead 9:25-26

Jesus sent the crowd out of the house Jesus took the girl by the hand and she arose Jesus caused people throughout the land to talk

I. Christ healed a woman with an issue of blood - 9:20-22

1. Jesus was touched by a woman as He went to the home of Jairus - 9:20

A woman had a flow of blood for twelve years A woman touched the coat of Jesus in the crowd

2. Jesus knew that the woman was showing her faith - 9:21

The woman had purposely touched the coat of Jesus The woman had faith that she would be healed

3. Jesus recognized the faith of the woman and healed her - 9:22

Christ spoke to the woman Christ honored the faith of the woman Jesus said her faith made her well - Luke 8:48 **Christ immediately healed the woman** J. Christ healed two blind men - 9:27-31

1. Jesus was asked to show mercy to the blind men - 9:27-28

Two blind men followed Jesus when He left that town Two blind men asked Jesus to show mercy to them Later two other blind men made this same request - Matt. 20:30-31 Two blind men came to Jesus in the house Two blind men were asked if they believed Jesus could heal them Jesus gave people an opportunity to show their faith - Luke 7:50 Two blind men recognized Jesus as Lord

2. Jesus told the men that He honored their faith - 9:29

Jesus touched the eyes of the blind men Christ often took time to touch a person - Matt. 20:34 Jesus told the men they were healed by their faith

3. Jesus told the two men not to tell anyone - 9:30-31

The two blind men had their eyes opened The two men were told not to tell anyone The two men departed but could not keep quiet This was common when Jesus healed people - Mark 1:45 The two men told people throughout the country

K. Christ healed a dumb man - 9:32-34

1. Jesus had a demon possessed man brought to Him - 9:32

Christ had a man brought to Him who could not speak Christ knew the man could not speak because of a demon Here we see the desire of demons to destroy - Matt. 17:15

2. Jesus cast out the demon and the man was able to speak - 9:33-34

Christ cast the demon out and the man was then able to speak Christ caused the people to be amazed by this miracle Christ did signs to show He is the Son of God - John 20:30-31 Christ was accused by the Pharisees of healing by the power of Satan The scribes showed their unbelief in the same way - Mark 3:22 L. Christ commissioned His servants - 9:35-11:1

1. the preparation for this commissioning - 9:35-38

a. Jesus went throughout Galilee ministering - 9:35

Christ went through all the cities and villages Jesus was going in a circuit and teaching - Mark 6:6 Christ was teaching in their synagogues Jesus had taught in the synagogues throughout Galilee - Mark 1:39 Christ was preaching the gospel of the kingdom Christ was healing every sickness and every disease

b. Jesus saw the multitudes weary and scattered - 936

Christ saw the multitudes Jesus wanted the disciples to see the multitudes - John 4:35 Christ was moved with compassion Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes - Mark 6:34 Christ saw that the people were weary Christ saw that the people were scattered People are like sheep going astray - I Pet. 2:25 Christ saw that the people were like sheep with no shepherd Christ is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep - John 10:11

c. Jesus said there is a plentiful harvest - 9:37

Christ spoke to His disciples Christ told them the harvest was plentiful Jesus said the harvest is plentiful - Luke 10:2 Christ told them the laborers were few Christ showed how to train laborers - Mark 1:16-20, 38 Paul followed this pattern of training individuals - Acts 16:1-3 Paul developed elders by this training pattern - Acts 20:20-21

d. Jesus said to pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers - 9:38

Christ told His disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest Jesus said to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers - Luke 10:2 The very people who prayed were later sent out - Matt. 10:1; Luke 9:1-2 Christ said the Lord is the One who sends laborers into His harvest The Lord later also sent out the seventy into His harvest - Luke 10:1 2. the particulars of this commissioning - 10:1-11:1

a. Jesus commissioned the disciples - 10:1-4

1) Christ called the disciples to Him - 10:1

Jesus called the disciples to Him They were going to be sent out in teams - Mark 3:13-15 Jesus gave the disciples power over unclean spirits (demons) Jesus gave the disciples power over all kinds of sickness and disease These were the signs of the apostles - Heb. 2:3-4

2) Christ gave the names of the disciples - 10:2-4

Christ divided the disciples into three smaller groups

Peter was the leader of the first group and always mentioned first Andrew, James and John were a part of this subgroup

Philip was the leader of the second group and always mentioned fifth Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew were a part of this subgroup

James, the son of Alphaeus, was leader of the third group and mentioned ninth Lebbaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot were a part of this group

b. Jesus sent out the disciples - 10:5-23

1). the disciples were told to whom to go - 10:5-6

a). There were certain people to whom they were not to go at this time - 10:5

The disciples were not to go to the Gentiles at this time The disciples were not to go to the Samaritans at this time The disciples were taught to reach out in a progressive order - Acts 1:8

b). There were certain people to whom they were to go at this time - 10:6

The disciples were to recognize that the people of Israel were like lost sheep Most of the people were religious but spiritually blind - Matt. 13:13-15 The disciples were to go the people of Israel at this time The Gospel is for the Jew first and also for the Greeks - Rom. 1:16 2). the disciples were told what to do - 10:7-8

The disciples were to preach (their message was "the kingdom of heaven is at hand") This was the same message that John the Baptist preached - Matt. 3:1-2 This was the same message that Jesus preached - Matt. 5:23 The disciples later told Jesus what they had taught - Mark 6:30 These next three were signs of the apostles - Hebrews 2:3-4 The disciples were to heal the sick The apostles later healed many that were sick - Acts 5:12 The disciples were to cleanse the lepers Jesus also gave them power over unclean spirits - Mark 6:7 The disciples were to raise the dead The disciples later told Jesus what they had done - Mark 6:30 Peter later raised Dorcas from the dead - Acts 9:40-41 The disciples had received freely The disciples were not to charge to heal as false teachers did - Acts 8:17-18 The disciples were to give freely God gives blessing to those who give freely - Prov. 22:9

3). the disciples were told what not to take - 10:9-10

The disciples were not to take gold in their money belts Jesus wanted them to trust Him to supply their needs - Phil. 4:19 Later they were told to take a money bag - Luke 22:36 The disciples were not to take silver in their money belts A denarius (silver coin) was worth a days wages - Matt. 20:2 The disciples were not to take copper in their money belts They were not even to take copper which had less value - Mark 6:8 The disciples were not to take a food bag for their journey They were not even to take any bread - Mark 6:8 The disciples were not to take an extra tunic They were told not to take two tunics - Luke 9:3 The disciples were not to take extra sandals However, they were to wear sandals - Mark 6:9 The disciples were not to take an extra staff They were to take just a single staff - Mark 6:8 The disciples were told that a workman was worthy of his food God did supply their basic needs through people - Matt. 10:11 They did not lack anything as they went out - Luke 22:35 They later served the Lord by faith - Acts 3:6

- 4). the disciples were told how to recognize those who were worthy 10:11-15
 - a). Christ said they were to inquire who was worthy in each city 10:11

The disciples were to inquire who was respected The disciples were to find out who was respected - Luke 7:4-5 The disciples were to stay with that respected family The disciples were to eat what was served to them - Luke 10:7 The disciples were to remain in that house Jesus said to stay there until they left that town - Luke 9:4 Jesus said that a laborer is worthy of his hire - Luke 10:7

b). Christ said they were to go and greet that household - 10:12-13

The disciples were to go to the house of the worthy person This is a key when making new contacts - Acts 10:24-29 The disciples were to greet that person This shows respect and treats them with respect - Acts 10:26 If the person was worthy, the disciples were to bless that house The Lord certainly blessed the house of Cornelius - Acts 10:44-45 If the person was not worthy, that blessing would return to them Those who reject do not receive a blessing - Acts 13:50

c). Christ told them what to do if a city rejected them - 10:14

The disciples were told what to do if a person would not hear them Those whose sins are retained will have them retained - John 20:23 The disciples were told what to do if a person did not welcome them They were to shake off the dust as a testimony - Luke 9:5 The disciples were told to shake off the dust of their feet This was what the Jews did when they left Gentile areas It would tell the Jews that they were like those without faith Jesus said their judgment would be greater than Sodom - Mark 6:11 Paul and Barnabas did this in Antioch of Pisidia - Acts 13:51

d). Christ told about the judgment that would come on that city - 10:15

Jesus reminded them of the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah The Lord brought great judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah - Gen. 19:28 Jesus said it would be worse for the city that rejected them Jesus warned several cities of coming judgment - Matt. 11:20-24

5). the disciples were told who would speak - 10:16-20

Jesus sent the disciples out as sheep among wolves The wolf will scatter the sheep if they are not protected - John 10:12 Jesus is the One who protects His sheep - John 10:11 Jesus said the disciples were to be as wise as snakes A wise person is always ready for the coming of the Lord - Matt. 24:44-45 Jesus said the disciples were to be as harmless as doves We are to be blameless and harmless sons of God - Phil. 2:14-16 Jesus warned the disciples to beware of men Jesus was delivered up by Judas - Matt. 26: 46-48 The early believers were delivered up to prison - Acts 8:3 Jesus warned that some would strongly oppose them The early believers rejoiced to suffer shame for Christ - Acts 5:41-42 Jesus said they would be brought before governors and kings Paul certainly had this happen in his life - Acts 9:15-16 Jesus said this would be a testimony to them and the Gentiles Paul spoke before various governors and kings - Acts 25:23-27 Jesus said the disciples did not need to worry about what to speak The religious leaders saw the boldness of Peter and John - Acts 4:8-13 Jesus said they would be given words to speak at that time The apostles obeyed God rather than men - Acts 5:28-29 Jesus said they would speak through the power of the Spirit The apostles prayed for boldness to speak - Acts 4:29-31

6). the disciples were to expect opposition - 10:21-23

Jesus said brother would deliver brother to death Jesus said a father would deliver his child to death Jesus said children would rise up against their parents Family members will turn against one another - Mark 13:12 Jesus said they would be hated by others for Jesus' sake This will be especially true in the tribulation - Matt. 24:9 Jesus said that He would give them endurance Jesus said He will give endurance in that time - Matt. 24:13-14 Jesus told them to flee to the next city when they were persecuted This was illustrated by what Paul and Barnabas did - Acts 14:5-7 Jesus told what would happen before they even got to all the cities Many people have yet to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel Jesus said that the Son of Man would come We see the second coming of Christ to rule - Matt. 24:29-31 c. Jesus gives the characteristics of disciples - 10:24-42

1). True disciples will be like their teacher - 10:24-26

A disciple is not above his teacher We will be treated the same way people treat Christ - John 15:18-21 A servant is not above his master We will be hated by those who hate Christ - John 15:21-23 A disciple will become like his teacher A disciple when fully trained becomes like his teacher - Luke 6:40 A servant will become like his master Jesus was also called Beelzebub The Pharisees said Jesus cast out demons by Beelzebub - Matt. 12:24 Jesus said His followers would receive similar treatment Jesus told His disciples not to fear such people The One who is in us is greater than he who is in the world - I John 4:4 Jesus said what such people tried to cover would be revealed God will reveal all things in His time - Luke 12:2 Jesus said what such people tried to hide would be made known Those who try to hide their sins will be judged by them - Rev. 20:12

2). True disciples are to speak what they have heard - 10:27-31

Jesus said what He told them in the dark to tell others in the light Jesus said what they heard was to be preached from the housetops The things said secretly will be proclaimed from the housetops - Luke 12:3 Jesus told the disciples not to fear those who could kill the body Once they kill the body there is nothing more they can do - Luke 12:4 Jesus said that such people cannot kill the soul Jesus said to fear the One who can destroy both body and soul in hell God is the One who has power to cast into hell - Luke 12:5 Jesus said two sparrows could be bought for a copper coin Five sparrows can be bought for two copper coins - Luke 12:6 Jesus said the Father even wills when a sparrow will die The Father does not forget even one sparrow - Luke 12:6 Jesus said that the Father also knows the number of our hairs The Father has innumerable thoughts about us - Psalm 139:17-18 Jesus said His followers did not need to fear The perfect love of Christ casts out fear - I John 4:18 Jesus said His followers are worth much more than many sparrows Christ loved us and gave His life for us - Eph. 5:2

3). True disciples will confess Christ - 10:32-33

Jesus gave a promise to those who confess Him before men Jesus will confess us before the angels - Luke 12:8 Many Old Testament saints confessed faith - Heb. 11:13 We are to follow their example and give thanks - Heb. 13:15 Jesus said He will also speak for such people to the Father Jesus says such people will bear much fruit - John 15:8 Jesus warned about those who deny Him before men Jesus will deny such people before the angels - Luke 12:9 Many denied Jesus because of their own fear - John 12:42 Even Peter denied when he depended on himself - John 18:25 However, his was only a temporary denial - John 21:15-17 Many people deny the power of God - II Tim. 3:5 Others deny him by their works - Titus 1:16 Others deny the Lord by false teaching - Titus 2:12 Many deny that Jesus is the Christ - I John 2:22-23 Jesus warned that He will also deny them before the Father Jesus will say that He never knew them - Matt. 7:21-23 People who do not believe will be denied - II Tim. 2:12-13

4). True disciples can expect conflict - 10:34-36

Jesus said that He did not come to bring peace to the earth The earth will never have peace as long as sin remains - Matt. 24:37 The world will persecute true followers of Jesus - Luke 21:12 The world will hate us if it hated Christ - John 15:18 Followers of Christ will have inner peace - John 14:27 Jesus said that He came to bring a sword The message of Christ brings division - Luke 12:51 Followers of Christ will be betrayed by family members - Luke 21:16 Jesus said He would set a man against his father A son and a father will be divided - Luke 12:53 Parents were divided from their children by fear - John 9:21-22 Jesus said He would set a daughter against her mother A daughter and mother will be divided - Luke 12:53 Jesus said a daughter-in-law would be against her mother-in-law A daughter-in-law and mother-in-law will be divided - Luke 12:53 Jesus said a man's enemies would be in his own household Micah warned that enemies will come from ones' own household - Micah 7:6 This division will divide two against three - Luke 12:52

5). True disciples put their Master first - 10:37-39

A disciple loves Christ more than father or mother The disciples left their father to follow Christ - Mark 1:20 A disciple loves Christ more than son or daughter A disciples takes up his cross We are to take up the cross and follow Christ - Mark 8:34 We are to take up our cross daily - Luke 9:23 A disciple follows Christ Matthew left his work to follow Christ - Matt. 9:9 A person who seeks to find his own life will lose it A person who desires to save his life will lose it - Mark 8:35 A person unwilling to bear his cross cannot be a disciple - Luke 14:27 Jesus knew from the beginning who did not believe - John 6:64 A person who loses his life for Christ's sake finds it We are to be willing to lose our lives for Christ and the Gospel - Mark 8:35

6). True disciples will receive a reward - 10:40-42

A person who receives a disciple receives Christ Those who receive followers also receive Christ - Luke 9:48 Those who serve followers serve Christ - Matt. 25:40 A person who receives Christ receives the Father Those who receive Christ also receive the Father - John 13:20 A person who receives a prophet receives a prophet's reward All the true prophets will be in the kingdom of God - Luke 13:28 A person who receives a righteous man receives a righteous man's reward Any works that are eternal will receive a reward - I Cor. 3:14 A person who gives a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple A person who gives a cup of water in Christ's name will be rewarded - Luke 9:48 Such a person will not lose his reward A person will not lose the reward given by Christ - Mark 9:41

d. Jesus sent out the twelve - 11:1

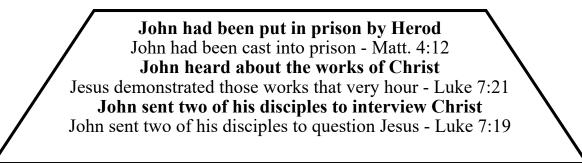
Jesus finished instructing His disciples Christ sent the disciples out to the area of Galilee - Matt. 10:5-6 Jesus then sent them out to preach Christ sent them out in teams of two - Mark 6:7 Jesus also went out to teach in their cities Jesus also went out to preach in their cities IV. The Revelation of the King (in view of mounting rejection) - 11:2-20:34

A. The opposition to the King's person - 11:2-12:50

Christ used the question of John as an opportunity to confirm His authenticity as King and condemn those who rejected Him

1. Jesus' confirmation to John - 11:2-6

a. John heard about the works of Christ while in prison - 11:2-3



b. John's disciples were told to tell what they had seen and heard - 11:4-5

Jesus was questioned by the disciples of John The two disciples questioned Jesus - Luke 7:20 Jesus told them to tell John what they had seen and heard Jesus did many miracles in that same hour - Luke 7:21 Jesus had given sight to the blind Jesus gave both physical and spiritual sight - John 9:6-7, 35-38 Jesus had made the lame walk Jesus had cleansed the lepers Jesus had given hearing to the deaf Jesus had given hearing to the deaf Jesus had raised the dead Later Jesus raised Lazarus - John 11:43-44 Jesus had preached the Gospel to the poor Jesus came to preach the Gospel to the poor - Luke 4:18 We are also to share with the poor - Gal. 2:10

c. John was told not to be offended because of Christ - 11:6

Jesus told John how to be blessed

Jesus said John would be blessed if he was not offended - Luke 7:23 Jesus told John not to be offended in Him Jesus encouraged John not to be offended - Luke 7:23 2. Jesus commendation of John - 11:7-15

a. Christ asked the crowds about John - 11:7-9

Jesus asked the crowds what they had gone out into the wilderness to see Many had confessed their sins and been baptized by John - Matt. 3:5-6 Jesus asked if they went to see a reed shaken by the wind John also had a message of coming judgment - Matt. 3:7-12 Jesus asked if they had gone to see a man clothed in expensive clothes John had the clothes of the poorest of the poor - Matt. 3:4 Jesus asked if they had gone out to see a prophet Jesus said John was the greatest prophet - Luke 7:28

b. Christ said that John was the messenger promised by Malachi - 11:10

Malachi had written the verse that Jesus quoted This message came from Malachi 3:1 Malachi had said God would send His messenger before Christ This message was also given by Isaiah - Is. 40:3-5 Malachi had said the messenger would prepare the way Isaiah also told people to prepare the way of the Lord - Is. 40:3

c. Christ said that John was the greatest of the prophets - 11:11-12

Jesus said none had been born greater than John the Baptist There had not been a greater prophet than John the Baptist - Luke 7:28 Jesus said those least in the kingdom are greater than John As believers we know how Christ paid for our sins - I Pet. 2:24 Jesus said that the kingdom was suffering violence The people were now pressing into the kingdom - Luke 16:16 Jesus said the violent wanted to take the kingdom by force Those who were searching for Christ were finding Him - Jer. 29:13

d. Christ told the people that John could be Elijah - 11:13-15

Jesus said all of the prophets prophesied before John Jesus said that the people now had a choice The people could choose the wide or the narrow way - Matt. 7:13-14 Jesus said that John could fulfill the ministry of Elijah Jesus told those who had ears to hear to hear The people could choose to hear - Matt. 13:15-16

3. Jesus characterization of that generation - 11:16-19

Christ said that generation was like children in the marketplace Children get upset when others do not obey them - Luke 7:32 Christ said children in the marketplace called to the other children Spiritual children can have the same kind of conflicts - I Cor. 3:1-3 Christ said the children get upset when others did not dance Children at play often make their own rules - Luke 7:32 Christ said the children get upset when others do not lament Children at play often make their own rules - Luke 7:32 Christ said John was accused of having a demon A Nazirite vow included avoiding wine - Num. 6:2-4 Zacharias was told not to give John wine or strong drink - Luke 1:15 Christ said He was accused of being a glutton Jesus was asked why His disciples did not fast - Matt. 9:14-15 Christ said He was accused of being a friend of tax collectors and sinners Jesus chose to eat with tax collectors and sinners - Matt. 9:10 Christ said wisdom is justified by her children The religious leaders felt the disciples were like children - John 7:46-52 The religious leaders realized that Jesus transformed them- Acts 4:13

4. Jesus condemnation of those who rejected - 11:20-24

Christ began to rebuke the cities that had seen the most of His mighty works Jesus finally stopped doing miracles in Bethsaida - Mark 8:22-23 Christ rebuked these cities because they did not repent The people of Jesus' home town rejected Him - Luke 4:28-30 Most people in these cities also rejected Christ - Luke 10:13-14 Christ rebuked the city of Chorazin Jesus had done many mighty works in Chorazin - Luke 10:13 Christ rebuked the city Bethsaida This was the hometown of several disciples - John 1:44 Jesus had done many mighty works in Bethsaida - Luke 10:13 Christ said Tyre and Sidon would have repented Jesus said the judgment of Tyre and Sidon would be less - Luke 10:14 Christ rebuked the city of Capernaum Christ had made His headquarters in Capernaum - Luke 4:30-31 Christ said that Sodom would have repented and remained Sodom had received a great judgment - Gen. 19:28-29 Christ said the judgment of Sodom would be less than Capernaum Scripture teaches greater judgment for those who reject - Luke 12:47-48

5. Jesus consolation of those who were receptive - 11:25-30

a. Christ prayed and thanked the Father - 11:25-26

Jesus gave thanks to the Father Jesus said that the Father is Lord of all Jesus said that the Father had hidden things from those wise in their own eyes The Father hides things from those who are wise in their own eyes - Luke 10:21 Jesus said that the Father revealed those things to those who were babes The Father causes babes and infants to give praise - Psalm 8:2 The Father reveals things to those with faith like children - Luke 18:17 Jesus said the Father did what was good in His sight

b. Christ said no one really knew the Father - 11:27

Jesus said that the Father had given Him all things The Father has given Jesus all authority - Matt. 28:18 Jesus said that the Father is the only One who fully knows the Son Jesus said that only the Son can help people know the Father Jesus is the One who reveals the Father - John 17:25-26 Jesus said that only happens as the Son reveals the Father Jesus revealed the Father to the disciples - John 14:9-11

c. Christ invited those burdened down to come to Him - 11:28-30

Jesus gave an invitation to all who would hear Jesus gave that invitation to those who are weary Even spiritual leaders can labor caring for others - I Thess. 5:12 Jesus gave that invitation to all who have a heavy burden The religious leaders loaded heavy burdens on the people - Luke 11:46 Jesus promised that He would give rest Jesus invited His disciples to rest for a while - Mark 6:31 Jesus invited all to take His yoke Jesus invited all to learn from Him Jesus shows us how to walk as He walked - I John 2:5-6 Jesus said He was meek and lowly in heart Jesus modeled servant leadership - John 13:3-15 Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death - Phil. 2:5-8 Jesus promised that He will give rest Jesus said His voke is easy Jesus said His burden is light

6. Jesus controversy with the nation of Israel - 12:1-50

a. Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath - 12:1-14

1). He allowed His disciples to pick grain - 12:1-2

Jesus walked through the grainfields on the Sabbath Jesus had His disciples with Him and they were hungry This was specifically allowed by the Law - Deut. 23:25 Jesus saw His disciples pick heads of grain and eat them Jesus knew the Pharisees were watching Jesus heard the Pharisees accuse His disciples The Pharisees were accusing the disciples of working - Deut. 5:14

2). He told the Pharisees He is Lord of the Sabbath - 12:3-8

a). Jesus reminded the Pharisees of what David had done - 12:3-4

David and those with Him were hungry David and those with him entered the house of God David and his men ate the showbread This was normally eaten by the priests on the Sabbath day - Lev. 24:5-9

b). Jesus reminded the Pharisees of what the priests did - 12:5

The priests work in the temple on the Sabbath The priests are considered blameless The priests offered sacrifices on the Sabbath - Num. 28:9-10

c). Jesus told the Pharisees that He was greater than the priests - 12:6

Christ said there is One greater than the priests Christ said that One was in that very place Christ came to fulfill the Law - Matt. 5:17

d). Jesus told the Pharisees that the Father desires mercy - 12:7-8

The Son of Man wants people to show mercy more than to sacrifice The Son of Man does not want people to condemn the guiltless The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath

Christ made it clear He was Lord of the Sabbath - Mark 2:23-28

3). He healed on the Sabbath - 12:9-14

a). Jesus saw a man with a withered hand - 12:9-10

Christ left the Pharisees who were questioning His disciples Christ went into their synagogue Jesus first taught in their synagogue - Luke 6:6 Christ saw a man with a withered hand Luke said it was the right hand - Luke 6:6 Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees The Pharisees asked if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath The Old Testament has no law prohibiting healing on the Sabbath However Jewish tradition prohibited healing on the Sabbath Jesus knew the Pharisees wanted to accuse Him Jesus later said they broke the Law by their traditions - Matt. 15:3-6; Mark 7:1-13

b). Jesus said it was lawful to do good to an animal on the Sabbath - 12:11-12

Christ asked the Pharisees if they would help a sheep on the Sabbath
 The only concern of the Pharisees was to accuse Jesus - Mark 3:2
 Christ asked if the Pharisees would work to save the life of a sheep
 Jesus later used a similar illustration of a donkey - Luke 14:5
 Christ said the man had a much greater value than any sheep
 The Pharisees could not answer the later illustration - Luke 14:6
 Christ said it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath
 Jesus asked if it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath - Mark 3:4

c). Jesus healed the man with the withered hand - 12:13

Christ told the man with the withered hand to stretch out his hand Jesus first had the man stand where all could see - Luke 6:8 Christ saw the man obey his request Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand - Luke 6:10 Christ restored the hand to a normal condition Jesus restored the hand as whole as the other - Mark 3:5

d). Jesus knew that the Pharisees wanted to destroy Him - 12:14

The Pharisees left to plot against Jesus The Pharisees were filled with rage - Luke 7:11 The Pharisees wanted to destroy Jesus

b. Christ blessed the Gentiles - 12:15-21

1). Jesus withdrew from that area - 12:15-16

Christ knew the Pharisees were plotting against Him The Pharisees plotted with the Herodians - Mark 3:6 Christ withdrew from that area Christ had great multitudes follow Him The crowds came from Galilee, Judea and other areas - Mark 3:7-8 Christ chose to heal all of them No one had healed every sickness and disease before - Matt. 9:35 Christ warned them not to make Him known Jesus warned the demons not to make Him known - Mark 3:11-12

2). Jesus was fulfilling various prophecies by Isaiah - 12:17-21

a). The Father said Christ would declare justice to the Gentiles - 12:17-18

Christ came to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah This prophecy was quoted from Isaiah 42:1-4 Christ was the Servant that the Father had chosen Christ was the Beloved of the Father The Father identified Jesus as His Beloved Son - Matt. 3:17 Christ had the Spirit of God on Him Jesus quoted a similar passage in Nazareth - Luke 4:18 Christ came to declare justice to the Gentiles Jesus wanted His message declared to all nations - Luke 24:46-48

b). The Father said Christ would bring forth justice - 12:19-20

Christ did not quarrel or cry out Christ did not seek political power - John 18:36-37 Christ would not break a bruised reed Christ chose the weak to give His message - I Cor. 1:26-28 Christ would not quench smoking flax Christ would turn justice into victory

Christ chose the weak so no flesh would glory - I Cor. 1:29

c). The Father said the Gentiles would trust in Christ - 12:21

Christ came as a Light to lighten the Gentiles - Luke 2:32

c. Christ warned the Pharisees of blasphemy - 12:22-37

1). The Pharisees accused Christ of casting out demons by Satan - 12:22-30

a). Jesus healed a man with several problems - 12:22-23

Christ had a man brought to Him who was demon possessed Christ saw that this man was also blind and mute Christ healed the man that was brought to Him Christ made it possible for the man to speak and to see Christ caused the whole multitude to be amazed Christ caused the people to question if He was the Son of David

b). Jesus knew the thoughts of the Pharisees - 12:24-25a

Christ knew the thoughts and words of the Pharisees Christ knew the Pharisees said He cast out demons by Beelzebub The Pharisees said Jesus did His works by Satan's power - Luke 11:15 Christ knew those thoughts and answered the Pharisees

c). Jesus answered the thoughts of the Pharisees - 12:25b-30

Christ said anything divided destroys itself Jesus said Satan cannot cast out Satan - Mark 3:23 This is true of a divided kingdom A divided kingdom will be brought to desolation - Luke 11:17 This is true of a divided city This is true of a divided house This is true of Satan if he tries to cast himself out Satan will not be divided against himself - Luke 11:18 Christ asked by whom their sons cast out Satan Christ said their children would be their judges Jesus said that their own children would judge them - Luke 11:19 Christ said He cast out demons by the Spirit of God Jesus cast out demons with the finger of God - Luke 11:20 Christ said the kingdom of God had come Christ said the strong man must be bound Jesus is the One who overcame the strong man - Luke 11:21-22 Christ said that then his goods can be plundered Christ said a person is for Him or against Him Christ said those who do not gather scatter instead

2). The Pharisees were warned of the unpardonable sin - 12:31-32

Christ said every sin and blasphemy of men will be forgiven Christ said blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven The Pharisees saw the works of Christ and rejected them - Heb. 10:29 Christ said words spoken against Him can be forgiven Christ said those who speak against the Spirit will not be forgiven The Pharisees were warned of the consequences of their choice - Mark 3:29-30 Christ said that was true for both the present and the future

3). The Pharisees were warned about the condition of their hearts - 12:33-37

a). Christ said a tree is known by its fruit - 12:33-34

A good tree bears good fruit

A good tree will always bear good fruit - Matt. 7:17 A bad tree bears bad fruit A bad tree will always bear bad fruit - Matt. 7:18 A tree is known by its fruit A tree will be known by the fruit that it bears - Luke 6:44 Christ said the Pharisees could not speak good because they were evil The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9 Christ said that the Pharisees spoke out of the abundance of their hearts What fills the heart will determine what is spoken - Luke 6:45

b). Christ spoke about the fruit of a good and an evil man - 12:35

A good man has a good treasure in his heart A good man speaks out of the abundance of his heart - Luke 6:45 A good man is able to bring forth good things An evil man has an evil treasure in his heart An evil man speaks out of the abundance of his heart - Luke 6:45 An evil man brings forth evil things

c). Christ said people will give an account for their words - 12:36-37

A man will give account for every idle word on the day of judgment The words and works show the condition of the heart - Luke 6:45 Some men will be justified by their words The believer will be rewarded for his good works - I Cor. 314 Some men will be condemned by their words The unbeliever will be judged by his works - Rev. 15:12

d. Christ was asked to give a sign - 12:38-42

Jesus was asked by the Pharisees for a sign Jesus said an evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign Jesus said that His generation was seeking a sign - Luke 11:29 Jesus said that the only sign that would be given would be the sign of Jonah Jesus said the sign of Jonah was the only sign He would give - Luke 11:29 Jesus said Jonah was three days and three nights in the great fish Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights - John 1:17 Jesus said He would be three days and three nights in the earth Jesus rose from the dead on the third day - I Cor. 15:4 Jesus said that the men of Nineveh would condemn that generation Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites - Luke 11:30 Jesus said those men repented at the preaching of Jonah The men of Nineveh will judge the generation of Jesus - Luke 11:32 Jesus said One greater than Jonah was present Jesus was also a sign to His generation - Luke 11:30 Jesus said the queen of the South would condemn that generation The queen of the South will judge the generation of Jesus - Luke 11:31 Jesus said she came a great distance to hear the wisdom of Solomon The gueen of the South came from the land of Sheba - I Kings 10:1-13 Jesus said One greater than Solomon was present

e. Christ spoke of the condition of the Pharisees - 12:43-45

Jesus said that a demon can go out of a man A demon may leave a person to seek a new home - Luke 11:24 Jesus said that the demon then goes through dry places Jesus said that the demon is seeking rest Jesus said that the demon does not find rest Jesus said the demon decides to return to his former house A demon may find the person has tried to straighten out his life - Luke 11:25 Jesus told what will happen if that house is empty, swept and put in order The life of a person is empty if the Holy Spirit is not there - I John 4:4 Jesus said that demon will find seven spirits more evil than himself We see that some demons are more evil than others - Luke 11:26 Jesus said all eight demons will move into that person A demon may invite others to join him in a person - Luke 11:26 Jesus said the last state of that man would be worse than the first Jesus said He was describing that particular generation Jesus said that generation was an evil generation - Luke 11:29

f. Christ spoke of the necessity of doing His will - 12:46-50

1). Jesus was told His family had come to visit Him - 12:46-47

Christ was talking to the multitudes Jesus had been talking to the multitudes - Matt. 12:23 Christ had His mother and brothers show up outside The family sent word they wanted to speak to Jesus - Mark 3:31 Christ had His mother and brothers come to speak to Him They could not get close because of the crowd - Luke 8:19 Christ was told that His mother and brothers were outside They were standing outside wanting to talk to Jesus - Luke 8:20 Christ was told that His mother and brothers wanted to speak to Him Jesus was told His family wanted to speak to Him - Mark 3:32

2). Jesus asked who His family was - 12:48

Christ gave an answer to the one who gave him this information

Christ asked the person who is My mother A woman had blessed the mother of Jesus - Luke 11:27 Jesus said those who do His will are the blessed - Luke 11:28 Mary recognized Jesus as her Savior - Luke 1:47 Christ asked the person who are my brothers Jesus asked who is His real family - Mark 3:33

3). Jesus taught about His spiritual family - 12:49-50

Christ pointed to the disciples that were with Him Jesus said His disciples were His family - Mark 3:34 Christ said the disciples were like His mother Jesus provided for His physical mother - John 19:26-27 Christ said the disciples were His brothers Jesus had four physical brothers - Matt. 12:55 Jesus elevated His disciples to friends - John 15:15 Jesus elevated His disciples to brethren - John 20:17 Christ spoke about all that do the will of His Father Jesus said His spiritual family hears His Word - Luke 8:21 Jesus said His spiritual family obeys His Word - Luke 8:21 Christ spoke who do His will become a part of His spiritual family We become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:14-17 B. The ongoing of the King's program - 13:1-20:34

National rejection which is sealed in chapter 12 does not bring the kingdom purposes to an end but simply sets the stage for the declaration of a new development in the program that was previously not revealed.

1. The panorama of the present age - 13:1-52

a. Introduction to the parables - 13:1-3a

Jesus sat by the sea Jesus saw great multitudes gather together to Him Jesus got into a boat and sat down Jesus had the whole multitude sit on the shore Jesus spoke many things to the multitude in parables

b. The parable of the sower - 13:3b-9

The sower sowed seed and it landed in various kinds of soils:

Some seed fell by the wayside (path) The birds ate the seed on the path These are those who hear and do not understand - Matt. 13:19 Some seed fell on the stony places The seed did not have much earth The seed sprang up but had no root The sprouts were scorched by the sun The sprouts withered away These are those who hear and stumble due to tribulation - Matt. 13:20-21 Some seed fell among thorns The thorns sprang up and choked them These are those who hear and are deceived by riches - Matt. 13:22 Some seed fell on good ground Some vielded crops a hundredfold Some yielded crops sixtyfold Some vielded crops thirtyfold These are those who hear, understand and become fruitful - Matt. 13:23 Three stage learning process: hear, understand, apply He who has ears to hear, let him hear True faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Rom. 10:17

c. The reason for speaking in parables - 13:10-17

1). The question of the disciples - 13:10

The disciples came and questioned Jesus The disciples asked Jesus why He spoke to the crowd in parables

2). The answer of Jesus - 13:11-13

Jesus used parables to reveal truth to the disciples It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom Jesus used parables to hide truth from the crowds It had not been given to the crowds to know the mysteries Those who have understanding will be given more Then they will have abundant understanding Those who do not have spiritual understanding They will have taken away what they have heard

> Christ spoke to the crowd in parables Christ said they would see but not see Christ said they would hear but not hear Christ said they would not understand

3). The fulfillment of Scripture - 13:14-17

Christ said that the prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled

Isaiah said they would hear but would not understand Isaiah said they would see but would not perceive Isaiah said the hearts of the people had grown dull Isaiah said their ears had become hard of hearing Isaiah said that their eyes they had closed Isaiah explained what would happen if they saw with their eyes Isaiah explained what would happen if they heard with their ears Isaiah explained what would happen if they heard with their hearts Isaiah explained what would happen if they understood with their hearts Isaiah said that then the people would be healed

Christ said that the disciples could see Christ said that the disciples could hear Christ said the righteous wanted to see what the disciples saw Christ said the righteous wanted to hear what the disciples heard Christ said the righteous did not have that opportunity d. The parable of the sower explained - 13:18-23

1). Jesus explained the seed by the wayside - 13:18-19

Jesus explained the parable of the sower Jesus said that the word was the word of the kingdom Jesus said that there were those who did not understand Jesus said that Satan takes the Word out of their heart Jesus said that was the seed by the wayside These are people who never understand - I John 5:19

2). Jesus explained the seed on the stony places - 13:20-21

Jesus explained about the seed in the stony places Jesus said those are people who hear the Word Jesus said they immediately receive the Word with joy Jesus said that the Word does not take root in them Jesus said that the Word does not take root in them Jesus said these endure for only a while Jesus said that tribulation or persecution comes because of the Word Jesus said that the person immediately stumbles These are people who will not suffer for Christ - Heb. 3:13-15

3). Jesus explained the seed among the thorns - 13:22

Jesus explained abut the seed among the thorns Jesus said that person also hears the Word Jesus said that person is concerned about the cares of this world Jesus said that person is deceived by the deceitfulness of riches Jesus said that the word does not become fruitful These are people that love the world - I John 2:15-17

4). Jesus explained the seed on the good ground - 13:23

Jesus explained about the seed in the good ground Jesus said that is the person who hears the Word Jesus said that is the person who understands the Word These are people with true faith whose lives are fruitful - Phil. 2:12-13 Jesus said that is the person that bears fruit Those who seek the glory of God are more fruitful - John 15:8 Some bear a hundredfold Some bear sixtyfold e. The parable of the wheat and the tares - 13:24-30

1). Jesus gave the parable of the tares sowed in the wheat - 13:24-25

Jesus gave a parable to the multitude The kingdom is like a man that sowed good seed We have been born again of incorruptible seed - I Pet. 1:23 The kingdom has an enemy who sows tares (a weed) These are the sons of the wicked one - Matt. 13:38 The kingdom had tares sowed among the wheat Satan uses false teachers - II Cor. 11:13-15

2). Jesus said when the wheat sprouted so did the tares - 13:26

The grain sproutedWe do not understand how the seed sprouts - Mark 4:26-27The grain produced a cropEvil will not stop the bearing of good fruit - John 15:8The grain had tares appear among the grainThere are many who make false professions - Matt. 7:21-23

3). Jesus said the servants asked if they should remove the tares - 13:27-28

The servants came to the owner The servants asked if the owner sowed good seed The servants asked how the tares had developed The servants heard that an enemy had done this The enemy who sowed the tares is the devil - Matt. 13:39 The servants asked if they should go and gather the tares

4). Jesus said that the tares would be removed at the time of harvest - 13:29-30

The owner told the servants not to gather the tares The owner said that would also uproot the wheat The owner said to let both grow together until the harvest Christ is One who separates the sheep from the goats - Matt. 25:32 The owner said he would have the reapers gather the tares first The Lord will send the angels to gather the wicked - Matt. 13:41 The owner said the tares would be burned The burning of the tares speaks of eternal judgment - Matt 3:12 The owner said the wheat would be gathered into the barn John preached that Christ would gather the wheat into the barn - Luke 3:17

f. The parable of the mustard seed - 13:31-32

Jesus gave another parable to the multitude The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed The kingdom speaks of all who belong to God - Psalm 22:28 The kingdom can only be entered by spiritual birth - John 3:3-7 The mustard seed was also sown in the field The mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds The mustard seed grows into a large shrub up to 15 feet - Mark 4:31-32 The mustard seed grew and became greater than the herbs The mustard seed can grow to the size of a tree - Luke 13:19 The mustard seed grew and became a tree The mustard seed also had birds come and nest in the branches God had given promises that the Gentiles would be included - Ezek. 31:6

g. The parable of the leaven - 13:33-35

1). Jesus spoke another parable to the multitude 13:33

The kingdom of heaven is like leaven Leaven or yeast will spread throughout the dough The leaven was put in three measures of meal The leaven spread until all the dough was leavened The kingdom of God has spread to the entire world - Luke 13:21

2). Jesus spoke only parables to the people - 13:34

Jesus spoke everything in parables to the multitude Jesus spoke many parables as the people could hear - Mark 4:33 Jesus did not speak without a parable to the multitude Jesus spoke totally with parables at this time - Mark 4:34

3). Jesus fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy - 13:35

This prophecy was given to Asaph - Psalm 78:2 The prophecy said Jesus would open His mouth in parables All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God - II Tim. 3:16-17 The prophecy said Jesus would reveal secrets through parables Jesus explained the parables to the disciples - Mark 4:34 The prophecy said these had been secret from the foundation of the world A mystery was used to reveal something previously unknown - Mark 4:13 h. The parable of the wheat and tares explained - 13:36-43

1). Jesus sent the multitudes away - 13:36

Jesus went into the house after the multitudes left Jesus saw the disciples come to Him with a question Jesus was asked to explain the parable of the tares

2). Jesus explained the meaning of the good seed and the tares - 13:37-39

The One who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man The field where the seed is sown is the world The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom The tares (weeds) are the sons of the wicked one The enemy who sows the tares is the devil The harvest is at the end of the age The reapers are the angels

3). Jesus explained the tares would be burned at the end of the age - 13:40-42

The tares will be gathered and burned in the fire
The tares will be gathered at the end of the age
Unbelievers will be judged according to their works - Rev. 20:11-12
The angels will be sent out by the Son of Man
The angels will gather out of the kingdom all things that offend
Only those who have the righteousness of Christ will stand - II Cor. 5:21
The angels will gather out those who practice lawlessness
This includes the unbelieving and all liars - Rev. 21:8
The angels will cast them into the furnace of fire
This is the final judgment in the lake of fire - Rev. 20:15
There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth
This speaks of extreme suffering and no hope - Matt. 24:51

4). Jesus explained the reward of the righteous - 13:43

The righteous will shine like the sun This was prophesied by Daniel - Dan. 12:3 The righteous will be in the kingdom of their Father The righteous are those who live by faith - Rom. 1:17 The righteous are those who have ears and hear Eyes to see and ears to hear are given by the Lord - Deut. 29:4 i. The parable of the treasure - 13:44

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like treasure The kingdom is like treasure hidden in a field The Gospel was hidden from most of the people - Matt. 13:11 A man found the treasure and hid the treasure Christ saw the need of people and came to provide salvation - John 10:11 The man sold all he had to buy that field Christ gave His life to pay for the sins of the whole world - I John 2:2

j. The parable of the pearl - 13:45-46

Jesus said the kingdom is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls The merchant found one pearl of great price The merchant sold all that he had to buy that pearl

k. The parable of the dragnet - 13:47-51

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet The dragnet was cast into the sea The dragnet gathered some of every kind The dragnet was drawn to the shore when it was full The good in the dragnet was gathered into vessels The bad in the dragnet was thrown away The dragnet is a picture of the end of the age The angels will separate the wicked from the just The wicked will be cast into the furnace of fire There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth Jesus asked if the disciples had understood all things We need Christ to open our understanding - Luke 24:45

I. The parable of the householder - 13:52

Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom is like a householder A disciple (householder) is the head of a spiritual household - Acts 10:24 The householder has a treasure A disciple has Christ and the knowledge of His Word - II Cor. 4:7 The householder brings out of his treasure things that are new A disciple has a learner's attitude - Phil. 3:10-11 The householder brings out of his treasure things that are old A disciple has a servant's heart - II Cor. 4:4-7 2. The proof of His personal authenticity - 13:53-16:12

Christ presents further proofs designed for His disciples to teach them about the nature of His person and to prepare them for the two great questions in 16:13; 15

a. Jesus experienced rejection in His home town - 13:53-58

1). Jesus completed teaching the parables of the kingdom - 13:53

Christ finished teaching the parables about the kingdom Jesus then left the area where He had taught these parables

2). Jesus went to the area where He had grown up - 13:54-56

Christ came into His own home area Christ had many who did respect Him - Luke 4:15 Christ taught in their synagogue Christ caused the people to be amazed The people of Nazareth did not recognize His authority - Luke 4:32 The people asked where this Man got His wisdom The people did not recognize Jesus as Christ - Mark 6:2 The people asked where He got power to do mighty works Christ did few miracles there because of unbelief - Mark 6:5-6 The people said He was just the carpenter's son The people said that they knew His entire family - Mark 6:3 The people said that they knew all of His brothers The people said that they knew all of His sisters The people asked where Christ got all these things

3). Jesus was rejected by the people of His home area -13:57-58

Christ saw that the people were offended at Him The people of His own area had no respect for Christ - Mark 6:1-3 Christ said a prophet is without honor in his own country Christ said His own people did not recognize Him - Mark 6:4 Christ said a prophet is without honor in his own house The brothers of Christ did not believe Him at first - John 7:3-5 Christ did not do many miracles because of their unbelief The people of Nazareth showed their rejection of Christ - Luke 4:28-29 b. Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist - 14:1-12

1). Herod wanted to put John the Baptist to death but feared the people - 14:1-5

Herod heard about the ministry of Jesus Herod said it must be John the Baptist risen from the dead Herod heard about the powers that Christ demonstrated Herod had arrested John and put him in jail Herod did this to please Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod did this because John said it was unlawful for him to have her Herod wanted to put John to death Herod was afraid to kill John because he feared the people Herod knew the people recognized John as a prophet

2). Herod was entertained by dancing on his birthday - 14:5-7

Herod celebrated his birthday with a multitude of people Herod was entertained by the dancing of the daughter of Herodias Herod was pleased by her dancing Herod made a rash promise and backed it with an oath Herod said he would give the girl whatever she asked for

3) Herod was asked for the head of John the Baptist - 14:7-8

The girl had already been prompted by her mother The girl asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter

4). Herod killed John because of his oaths and his pride - 14:9-11

Herod was sorry when he heard her request Herod remembered that he had promised her with an oath Herod wanted to save face with the people that were there Herod sent and had John beheaded in prison Herod gave the platter with the head to the girl Herod knew the daughter took the head to her mother

5). Herod allowed the body to be buried - 14:12

The disciples of John took the body of John The disciples of John buried his body The disciples of John went and told Jesus c. Jesus fed the five thousand - 14:13-21

1). Christ went to a deserted place when He heard about the death - 14:13

Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist Jesus went by boat to a deserted place Jesus was followed by a multitude on foot

2). Christ had compassion when He saw the people - 14:14-16

Jesus came out and saw the great multitude of people Jesus was moved with compassion for the people Jesus had compassion because the people were like sheep - Matt. 9:36 Jesus healed the sick in the multitude Jesus was reminded by His disciples when evening came Jesus was told to send the people away Jesus was told the people could buy food in the villages Jesus said the people did not need to go away Jesus used this time to test the disciples - John 6:5-6 Jesus told the disciples to give the people something to eat

3). Christ multiplied the loaves and the fish - 14:17-19

Jesus was told the disciples did not have enough food Philip gave a financial report - John 6:7 Jesus said to bring the five loaves and two fish to Him Andrew brought a boy with a lunch - John 6:8-9 Jesus commanded the people to sit down on the grass Jesus took the loaves and fish and blessed them Jesus performed the miracle - Luke 9:16 Jesus gave the loaves and fish to the disciples Jesus had the disciples give the food to the people

4). Christ provided more than enough for the people - 14:20-21

The multitude all ate until they were filled The multitude had twelve baskets left when they finished The people were all filled and twelve baskets remained - Mark 6:42-44 The multitude included five thousand men The multitude had many additional women and children d. Jesus walked on the water- 14:22-33

1). Christ sent the disciples away in the boat - 14:22-23

Jesus sent the disciples away in the boat Jesus then sent the multitudes away Jesus went in the evening to the mountain to pray Jesus spent time alone with the Father in prayer Jesus often spent time alone with the Father in prayer - Mark 1:35

2). Christ went to the disciples during the fourth watch - 14:24-27

Jesus went during the fourth watch (between 3 and 6 in the morning) The crossing had taken most of the night instead of a couple of hours - Mark 6:48 Jesus was walking on the sea as He approached the disciples Jesus was seen by the disciples as He walked on the sea Jesus heard the disciples cry out in fear Jesus immediately spoke to the disciples Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid

3) Christ invited Peter to come to Him on the water - 14:28-33

Peter immediately made a request Peter asked to come to Jesus on the water Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water Peter began to look at the wind and the waves Peter cried to Jesus, "Lord save me" This is the shortest recorded prayer in the Bible Peter saw Jesus stretch out His hand and catch him Peter was asked why he doubted Peter and the others saw the wind stop blowing The disciples lacked spiritual understanding - Mark 6:51-52 Peter and the others worshiped Jesus

e. Jesus healed many sick people - 14:34-36

Christ and the disciples landed in the area of Gennesaret Christ was immediately recognized by the people Christ had many sick people brought to Him by the people Christ was asked if the sick and diseased could touch His clothes Christ caused all that touched Him to become perfectly well

f. Jesus taught about purity of heart - 15:1-20

1). Christ heard His disciples accused by the Pharisees - 15:1-2

Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem The Pharisees questioned Jesus

The Pharisees questioned why the disciples broke their traditions - Mark 7:5 **The Pharisees asked why the disciples broke the tradition of the elders** (this tradition was about washing hands a certain way) The Pharisees had a special way of washing their hands - Mark 7:3 **The Pharisees questioned why the disciples broke the tradition** The Pharisees had a special way of washing many things - Mark 7:4

2). Christ pointed out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees - 15:3-9

a). Jesus asked why the Pharisees broke the commandment of God - 15:3-6

The Pharisees broke the commandment of God The Pharisees made their traditions more important

Christ explained the commandment The commandment was to honor their parents - Exodus 20:12; 21:17 Christ explained the penalty for breaking the commandment Christ defined the tradition that broke the commandment The Pharisees would say "Corban" (it is a gift to God) - Mark 7:11 Christ said they made the commandment of no effect Then the Pharisees would no longer help their parents - Mark 7:12 Christ said they went by their tradition Their traditions were handed down and not commandments - Luke 7:13

b). Jesus said the Pharisees were hypocrites described by Isaiah - 15:7-9

Christ said Isaiah had described their hypocrisy

Isaiah wrote the people draw near Me with their lips Isaiah wrote the people honor Me with their lips Isaiah wrote their heart was far from God The scribes and Pharisees were controlled by pride - Mark 12:38-40 Isaiah wrote that in vain they worshipped God Christ described the evil in their hearts - Mark 7:20-23 Isaiah wrote they taught as doctrines their commandments 3). Christ was told He had offended the Pharisees - 15:10-14

a). Jesus said purity is not based on what we eat - 15:10-11

Christ called the multitude to Himself Christ encouraged the multitude to hear To hear so that there is understanding - Matt. 13:43 Christ encouraged the multitude to understand To bring together so that there is perception - Acts 28:26-27 Christ said what goes into the mouth does not defile a man Food that a person eats does not defile a person - Mark 7:17-18 Christ said what comes out of the mouth defiles a man What is in the heart is what defiles a person - Mark 7:20-23

b). Jesus was told that He had offended the Pharisees - 15:12

The disciples told Jesus He had offended the Pharisees The Pharisees thought that they were righteous - Luke 18:9-12 **The disciples said they were offended by the saying of Jesus** Jesus had said that their traditions were not the law - Matt. 15:6

c). Jesus told what happened to plants the Father did not plant - 15:13

Christ answered the disciples

Christ said that not every plant is planted by the Father The things that the Father plants are the good seed - Matt. 13:37-38 Christ said those the Father did not plant would be uprooted The things that the devil plants are tares - Matt. 13:38-42

d). Jesus described the spiritual condition of the Pharisees - 15:14

Christ told the disciples to let the Pharisees alone Christ said they would be judged in the future - Matt. 13:41-42 Christ said the Pharisees were blind leaders of the blind Christ came to give recovery of sight to the blind - Luke 4:18 The Pharisees thought that they could see - John 9:40-41 The Pharisees knew the law but did not obey it - Rom. 2:17-23 Christ explained what happens when the blind lead the blind The Pharisees made others children of hell - Matt. 23:15-17 Christ said both will fall into the ditch The Pharisees were causing others to fall - Luke 6:39 4). Christ taught the disciples about purity of heart - 15:15-20

a). Jesus was asked to explain this parable - 15:15-16

Peter answered Jesus with a request Peter asked to have this parable explained Jesus had explained other parables - Matt. 13:11 Peter was asked if he still lacked understanding Peter did not show spiritual understanding - Mark 7:18

b). Jesus explained about what goes into the body - 15:17

Christ asked if Peter understood what happens to food that is eaten What comes from the outside cannot defile a man - Mark 7:18 Christ told Peter that such food goes into the stomach Food enters the stomach instead of the heart - Mark 7:19 Christ told Peter that such food is then eliminated from the body Food is then eliminated from the body - Mark 7:19

c). Jesus explained that purity comes from the heart within - 15:18

Christ said that words come out of the mouth Words come out of the mouth and defile a man - Mark 7:20 Christ said that words come from the heart The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked -Jer. 17:9 Christ said that is why words defile a man Word actually have their source in the heart - Mark 7:21

d). Jesus said the heart is what defiles a person - 15:19-20

Christ described some of the things that are in the heart Christ said evil thoughts come from the heart Christ said murders come from the heart Christ said adulteries come from the heart Christ said fornications come from the heart Christ said thefts come from the heart Christ said false witness comes from the heart Christ said false witness come from the heart Christ said blasphemies come from the heart Christ said these are the things that defile a person This evil comes from within and defiles a man - Mark 7:23 Christ said to eat with unwashed hands does not defile g. Jesus commended the faith of the Canaanite woman - 15:21-28

1). Christ left Galilee for a period of time - 15:21

Jesus left the area of Galilee for a while Jesus went to the region of Tyre and Sidon

2). Christ had a woman of Canaan come and request mercy - 15:22

A woman of Canaan came from that region The woman of Canaan asked Jesus to show mercy to her The woman of Canaan recognized Jesus as Lord The woman of Canaan had a daughter that was severely demon-possessed

3). Christ allowed the disciples to show their critical attitude - 15:23-24

Jesus did not answer the woman immediately The disciples urged Jesus to send the woman away The disciples had not yet developed compassion - Matt. 14:14 The disciples said that the woman was bothering them The disciples needed to learn to see opportunities for ministry - Mark 10:13-14 Jesus said He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

4). Christ allowed the woman to show the disciples her faith - 15:25-27

The woman worshipped Jesus The woman said "Lord, help me" This woman recognized Jesus as Lord - Mark 7:28 The woman heard Jesus had a responsibility to the Jews first The Jews considered the Gentiles to be like dogs The woman said that the little dogs get the crumbs The woman showed her faith by asking for the crumbs

5). Christ honored the faith of the woman - 15:28

Jesus told the woman that her faith was great Another Gentile had earlier shown great faith - Matt. 8:10 Jesus told the woman her request was granted Jesus said the demon had gone out of her daughter - Mark 7:29 Jesus healed the daughter that very hour The woman came home and her daughter was healed - Mark 7:30

h. Jesus fed the four thousand - 15:29-39

1). Christ healed many people on the mountain - 15:29-31

Jesus left the area of Tyre and Sidon Jesus went around Galilee to Decapolis Jesus went up on a mountain and sat down Jesus saw large crowds coming to him Jesus saw that the crowds brought many sick to Him Jesus healed all the people brought to Him Jesus caused the crowds to marvel The people were astonished beyond measure - Mark 7:37 Jesus caused the crowds to glorify God

2). Christ had compassion because the crowd had not eaten - 15:32-33

Jesus had compassion on the multitudes Jesus knew they had nothing to eat for three days The people showed their eagerness to hear Jesus - Mark 8:2 Jesus did not want to send them away hungry Jesus knew that some of the people came a great distance - Mark 8:3 Jesus was asked by the disciples where to get food in the wilderness The disciples saw the problem not the need - Mark 8:4

3). Christ used what was present to feed the multitude - 15:34-36

Jesus told the disciples to find out how much food they had Jesus heard that there were seven loaves and a few little fish Jesus commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground Jesus took the loaves and fish and gave thanks Jesus gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowd Jesus gave the disciples the responsibility to distribute the food - Mark 8:6

4). Christ caused four thousand people to be filled - 15:37-39

Jesus saw that the people ate and were filled Jesus had the disciples gather seven large baskets of fragments These were very large reed baskets - Mark 8:8; Acts 9:25 Jesus fed four thousand men plus women and children Jesus sent the people away Jesus went in the boat to the area of Magdala i. Jesus refused to give the leaders a sign - 16:1-4

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test Jesus The Pharisees and Sadducees asked for a sign

Jesus said they could tell in the evening if the weather would be fair the next day Jesus said they could tell in the morning if the weather would be bad Jesus said that they were hypocrites to ask for a sign Jesus said they could not discern the signs of the times Jesus said a wicked and adulterous generation seeks a sign Jesus said the only sign they would be given would be the sign of Jonah Jonah was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth - Matt. 12:40 Jesus left the Pharisees and Sadducees

j. Jesus cautioned the disciples - 16:5-12

1). Christ warned the disciples about the Pharisees and Sadducees - 16:5-7

The disciples and Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee The disciples had forgotten to take any bread The disciples were warned of the leaven of the Pharisees The Pharisees' teaching was to keep the law and traditions - Matt. 15:6 The Pharisees' teaching was to focus on outward issues - Matt. 23:25 The disciples were warned of the leaven of the Sadducees The Sadducees' teaching denied miracles and resurrection - Acts 23:8 The disciples reasoned among themselves about the meaning The disciples thought it was because they had taken no bread

2). Christ rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith - 16:8-10

Jesus told the disciples that they had very little faith Jesus asked why they were reasoning about the bread Jesus reminded them of the feeding of the five thousand Jesus reminded them of the feeding of the four thousand

3). Jesus explained about the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees - 16:11-12

Jesus asked why they did not understand that He was not talking about bread Jesus said He was talking about the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees The disciples understood Jesus was not warning about the leaven of bread The disciples knew Jesus was talking about their doctrines 3. The plan for the prospective accomplishments - 16:13-17:13 This plan includes the following great accomplishments

a. Jesus spoke about the building of the church - 16:13-20

1). the prelude to building of the church - 16:13-16

a). Jesus questioned what others were saying about Him - 16:13-14

Christ took the disciples to the region of Caesarea Philippi Christ asked the disciples who people were saying He was Christ heard some people were saying "John the Baptist" Christ heard some people were saying "Elijah" Christ heard some people were saying "Jeremiah or one of the prophets"

b). Jesus questioned who the Twelve believed Him to be - 16:15-16

Christ asked who the disciples said He was Christ heard Peter say that He was the Christ Christ heard Peter say that He was the Son of the living God

2). the picture of building of the church - 16:17-20

Christ said that Peter was blessed Christ said that man had not revealed this to Peter Christ said that the Father in heaven revealed this to Peter The Father reveals truth to us through the Spirit - I Cor. 2:12-13 Christ said on this Rock I will build My church Petros (Peter) means a little rock Petra (used here) means a great massive Rock That great massive Rock is identified as Christ - I Cor. 10:4 Christ said the gates of Hades will not prevail against the church The church is the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:12-13 Greater is the One in us than the one in the world - I John 4:4 Christ said He would give the keys of the kingdom to believers Keys are a symbol of authority - Rev. 3:7 Christ said this includes authority to bind people on earth The church is to exercise discipline when needed - Matt. 18:15-17 Christ said what is bound on earth will be bound in heaven Christ said what is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven Christ commanded the disciples to tell no one He was the Christ

b. Jesus spoke of the suffering of the cross - 16:21-26

1). Christ began to prepare the disciples for His death - 16:21-23

Jesus began a new phase of teaching for His disciples Jesus said He must go to Jerusalem Jesus said He would suffer many things This suffering would be by the elders, chief priests and scribes - Mark 8:31 Jesus said that He would be killed This was the result of the determined purpose of God - Acts 2:23 Jesus said that he would be raised the third day Jesus was raised by the Father - Acts 2:24

2). Christ also prepared the disciples for our cross - 16:24-26

Jesus spoke to everyone who desires to follow Him Jesus said that we are to deny ourselves We are to forget self for the sake of Christ - Mark 8:34 Jesus said that we are to take up the cross We are to do this daily - Luke 9:23 Jesus said that we are to follow Him We are to put Christ before all other things - Mark 10:28-30 Jesus said those who desire to save their lives will lose them Those who try to save their lives will lose them - Luke 9:24 Jesus said those who lose their lives for His sake will find them We are to be willing to lose our life for Christ's sake - Mark 8:35 Jesus asked what profit there is to lose our own soul Those who lose their soul will be cast away - Luke 9:25 Jesus asked what a person can give in exchange for His soul - Mark 8:36-37

c. Jesus spoke of the coming with a kingdom - 16:27-17:13

1). the prediction of the coming kingdom - 16:27-28

Christ said He would come in the glory of His Father Christ said He would come with His angels Christ said He would reward each according to his works We will be rewarded for all works that have eternal value - I Cor. 3:12-14 Christ said that some would not die without seeing Him in His kingdom Peter, James and John saw the transfiguration just 6 days later - Mark 9:2 2). the picture of the coming kingdom - 17:1-13

a). Christ was transfigured in view of three disciples - 17:1-3

Jesus took Peter, James and John to a high mountain Jesus was transfigured before them on the mountain Jesus revealed the glory of the eternal kingdom - Rev. 1:13-17 Jesus had His face shine like the sun Jesus had His clothes become as white as light Jesus had Moses and Elijah talk with Him

b). Christ was called His beloved Son by the Father - 17:4-5

Peter said it was good for them to be there Peter asked if they should build three booths Peter said these would be for Christ, Moses and Elijah Peter was interrupted by a cloud as he spoke Peter and the others heard God, the Father, speak Peter heard Christ is the beloved Son of the Father Peter heard the Father was well pleased with Christ The Father said the same thing as Jesus began His ministry - Matt. 3:17

c). Christ told the three disciples not to be afraid - 17:6-9

Jesus saw the disciples fall on their faces in fear Jesus told the disciples to get up and not be afraid Jesus was the only One there when the disciples got up Jesus and the disciples went down the mountain Jesus commanded the disciples to tell no one This command was to be until after the resurrection - Mark 9:9

d). Christ explained John fulfilled the ministry of Elijah - 17:10-13

Jesus was asked why the scribes said Elijah must come first Jesus said Elijah was coming first and restoring all things Jesus said that Elijah had come already John came in the spirit and power of Elijah - Mal. 4:5-6 Jesus said that the scribes did not know him and rejected him Jesus said that the son of Man would also be rejected The religious leaders rejected Christ as their King - John 19:15 Jesus caused them to understand He spoke of John the Baptist 4. The perspective for proper attitudes - 17:14-20:34

As Christ drew near His death and resurrection, Christ sought to train His disciples for their ministry of representing Him after the cross, resurrection and ascension. In each episode, He communicated some perspective for a proper attitude.

a. Jesus taught about effectiveness in prayer - 17:14-21

1). Christ was asked to heal a demon possessed son - 17:14-16

Jesus came down the mountain to the multitude Jesus had a man come and kneel before Him Jesus was asked by the man to show mercy to his son Jesus was told the son was an epileptic and suffered greatly Jesus was told the son often fell into the fire or the water Jesus was told the disciples could not cure the boy

2). Christ cast the demon out of the son and healed him - 17:17-18

Jesus said that generation was faithless and perverse Jesus asked how long He would be with His disciples Jesus asked how long He should bear with them Jesus rebuked the demon that was in the boy Jesus caused the demon to come out of the boy Jesus cured the boy from that very hour

3). Christ was asked by His disciples why they could not cast him out - 17:19

The disciples questioned Christ when they were alone The disciples asked why they could not cast out the demon Christ had given them authority over demons about a year earlier - Matt. 10:8 The disciples had reported that the demons were subject to them - Luke 10:17

4). Christ said it was due to their unbelief - 17:20-21

Jesus said it was due to their unbelief Without Christ we can do nothing - John 15:5 Jesus told them they needed the faith of a mustard seed Jesus said they could move mountains with that much faith Jesus said that then nothing would be impossible for them Jesus said this kind came out only by prayer and fasting

b. Jesus taught about His coming death - 17:22-23

Christ and the disciples were staying in Galilee Christ knew that the religious leaders wanted to kill Him - John 10:39 Christ said that the Son of Man was about to be betrayed This betrayal would be done by Judas - Matt. 22:47-50 Christ said He would be betrayed into the hands of men Judas led a group of men to arrest Jesus - John 18:2-4 Christ said those men would kill Him This was a denial that Jesus was God - John 19:6-7, 12-15 Christ said that He would be raised the third day Some disciples later remembered what Christ said in Galilee - Luke 24:8-10 Christ saw the disciples become very sorrowful

c. Jesus taught about paying tribute (taxes) - 17:24-27

1). Peter was questioned by those who collected the temple tax - 17:24-25

Christ was with the disciples in Capernaum Peter was asked a question by the tax gatherers Peter was asked if Christ was going to pay the temple tax As the Son of God Christ was exempt from the temple tax - Matt. 17:26 Peter said Jesus would pay the temple tax Peter was asked a question by Christ before he could say anything Christ showed again that He knows our thoughts - Matt. 9:4 Peter was asked who the kings of the earth taxed Peter was asked if they taxed their sons or strangers

2). Peter was questioned by Christ - 17:26-27

Christ listened as Peter said kings collected taxes from strangers
Christ said that then the sons of kings were free from taxes
Christ then told Peter not to offend the tax gatherers
Christ told Peter to take a hook and line and go fishing
Christ told Peter to take the first fish that he caught
Christ told Peter to open the mouth of that fish
Christ showed again He knows all things - I Cor. 2:11
Christ said Peter would find a piece of money in the mouth
Peter learned to submit to those in authority - I Pet. 2:13-17
Christ said the money would be enough for both of them
The temple tax for each man was a half shekel - Ex. 30:13-14

d. Jesus taught about childlike faith - 18:1-14

1). Christ taught there is greatness in humility - 18:1-5

a). The question of the disciples - 18:1-2

The disciples came to Jesus with a questionThe disciples asked who is greatest in the kingdom of heavenThe disciples saw Jesus call a little child to HimThe word for little child was used of Christ in Matthew 2 - Matt. 2:8-9The disciples saw Jesus set the child in the middleThe disciples saw Jesus set the child in the middleThe disciples had been discussing which of them would be greatest - Luke 9:46-47

b). Jesus used a child to demonstrate humility - 18:3-5

Christ said that it was necessary to be converted Christ said people needed to become like little children To have childlike faith like a young child - Matt. 19:13-14 Christ said that was the only way to enter into the kingdom of heaven To go into or to enter into salvation through Christ - John 10:9 Christ said that a person had to humble himself as this little child To humble means to make oneself low like a young child - Phil. 2:8 Christ said that is the way to become greatest in the kingdom Christ said to people are to accept little children in His name Those who accept like children in Christ's name accept Him - Mark 9:37 Christ said that is the way they receive Him

2). Christ taught about not causing a child to stumble 18:6-14

a). Jesus warned about causing a child to stumble - 18:6-7

Christ warned about one who causes a little child to sin Christians can be a stumbling block to others - Rom. 14:13 Christ said it would be better for a person to have a millstone around his neck (this was a Gentile form of execution) Christ said it would be better if he were drowned in the depth of the sea Christ said woe to the world because of offences The world will seek to cause new Christians to sin - I John 2:15-16 Christ said woe to the man who causes offences Christ warns that a Christian is not to cause a new Christian to sin - I Cor. 8:9 b). Jesus warned about the danger of judgment - 18:8-9

Christ warned if a hand causes a person to stumble Christ said it would be better to cut off the hand Christ said it would be better to have physical limitations on earth Christ said that was better than eternal judgment Eternal judgment will come to all who neglect Christ - Rev. 20:15 Christ warned if an eye causes a person to stumble Christ said it would be better to pluck out the eye Christ said it would be better to have only one eye Christ said that was better than hell fire

c). Jesus said an angel watches over each child - 18:10-11

Christ said not to despise a little child We are not to think lightly of any child or young person - I Tim. 4:12 Christ said their angels see the face of the Father in heaven Christ came to save the lost Christ came to give His life so that we might have life - John 10:11

Christ came to give His life so that we might have life - John 10:11 Christ is actively seeking those who are lost - Luke 19:10

d). Jesus gave a parable about a lost sheep - 18:12-13

Christ said a man had a hundred sheep Christ said one of the sheep went astray Christians can go astray from the truth - James 5:19 Christ said the man left the ninety-nine The shepherd may have to leave them in the wilderness - Luke 15:4 Christ said the man went to the mountains to seek the one straying We are to restore Christians who have strayed into sin - Gal. 6:1 Christ told what happened when the man found the sheep Christ said the man would be filled with rejoicing - Luke 15:5 Christ said the man rejoiced over the sheep that was found Christ said there will be rejoicing when the sheep is found - Luke 15:6-7

e). Jesus said it is not the will of the father for a child to perish - 18:14

Christ explained something that is not the will of the Father The Father does not will that any should perish - II Pet. 3:9 **Christ said it is not His will that little ones perish** The prodigal son was lost to his father but was found - Luke 15:24

e. Jesus taught about church discipline - 18:15-20

1). Christ told how to deal with a brother who sins against you - 18:15-17

Jesus said there may be times when a brother sins against us We are to define the sin that has been committed - Luke 17:3 Jesus said when that happens we are to talk to that person alone We are to talk to that person and not others about what happened - Eph. 4:29 Jesus said that we are to explain to him his fault We are to allow opportunity for the conscience to convict - John 8:9 Jesus said that if he hears we have gained our brother In most cases that will lead to repentance - Luke 17:3-5 Jesus said what to do if he will not hear Jesus said we are to take one or two others with us to talk to him Reproving a brother is one of the ministries of the elders - Titus 1:9 Jesus said that they are to be witnesses so every word is established Jesus told what to do if the person refuses to listen Jesus said that we are to tell it to the church This would be a case of rebuking before all - I Tim. 5:19-20 Jesus explained what we are to do if he is unwilling to hear the church God will allow the person to be buffeted for his faults - I Pet. 2:20 Jesus said that person is to be to us like one who is not vet a Christian We are to love our neighbor (a non-Christian) as we love ourselves - Matt. 22:39

2). Christ explained what happens when the church disciplines - 18:18

Jesus said that such discipline is binding a person on earth This would be a case of church discipline by the church - I Cor. 5:4-5 Jesus said what is bound on earth will be bound in heaven Jesus said the result of discipline allows us to loose the person We are to publicly restore when a person repents - II Cor. 2:6-8 Jesus said what is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven

3). Christ explained that the Father listens at each stage of discipline - 18:19-20

When two or three agree we are at the second stage of discipline
When two or three agree to pray for a person God hears
This is part of the process of restoring with gentleness - Gal. 6:1
When two or three pray for the person God is already working
When two or three pray we are gathering in Christ's name
When two or three pray Christ is with us as we pray

f. Jesus taught about the importance of forgiveness- 18:21-35

1). Christ heard the question of Peter - 18:21

Peter heard the teaching of Jesus on discipline Peter asked how often he should forgive a brother The rabbis taught a person should only be forgiven three times - Amos 2:4, 6 Peter asked if he should forgive a brother seven times (Peter actually thought that he was being generous) The disciples felt that they needed their faith increased - Luke 17:5

2). Christ told about one who was forgiven - 18:22-27

a). Jesus told how many times to forgive - 18:22

Christ said do not forgive just seven times Christ said that forgiveness is given seven times in a single day - Luke 17:4 Christ said to forgive seventy times seven Seven is a number of completeness so forgiveness is continual - Psalm 119:164

b). Jesus illustrated the greatness of our debt of sin - 18:23-25

Christ said the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts Christ said that the king began to settle the accounts of his servants Christ said that a servant was brought who owed ten thousand talents Christ said the servant was totally unable to pay Christ said his master commanded that his servant be sold Christ said the master commanded that his family also be sold Christ said the master commanded that everything he had be sold

c). Jesus illustrated the greatness of His forgiveness - 18:26-27

Christ said that the servant fell down before His master Christ said the servant asked the master to be patient Christ said the servant said that he would pay all Christ said the master was moved with compassion Christ is our example for true compassion - Matt. 9:38 Christ said the master released him Christ died for all of our sins - I John 2:2 Christ said the master forgave him the debt Christ continues to forgive and cleanse us - I John 1:9 **3).** Christ told how the one forgiven refused to forgive - 18:28-35

a). Jesus said the servant then went to collect from another servant - 18:28-30

The first servant found another servant who owed him 300 denarii The first servant grabbed the other servant by the throat The first servant demanded immediate payment The second servant fell down and made his request The second servant said be patient and I will pay all The first servant refused to show any patience The first servant threw him in prison until he could pay the debt

b). Jesus said other servants told the master what the first servant did - 18:31

The other servants saw what the first servant had done The other servants were very grieved

Blatant sin in the church should cause all Christians to grieve - I Cor. 5:2-5 **The other servants came and told the master all that had happened** We are to pray for one another so that there can be healing in the body - Jam. 5:16

c). Jesus said the master again called the first servant - 8:32-33

The master called the first servant a second time The master said he was a wicked servant The master reminded the servant what the master had done for him The master said the first servant should have shown the same compassion

d). Jesus said the master then judged the first servant - 18:34-35

The master was angry with the sin of the first servant The Lord allows chastening in the lives of Christians - I Cor. 11:30-32 The master delivered the first servant to the torturers The master did not deliver this servant to eternal judgment - I Cor. 5:5 The master said the first servant should pay all that was due David realized that God is a God of mercy - I Sam. 24:14 Christ said the Father must judge us as we judge others God deals with us as sons when He chastens us - Heb. 12:5-7 Christ said we must forgive from the heart We are to forgive others as God forgave us - Eph. 4:32 Christ said the Father cannot forgive those who refuse to forgive others The Lord chastens Christians so they will not be condemned - I Cor. 11:32 g. Jesus taught about divorce - 19:1-12

1). The Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce - 19:1-6

a). Christ was tested by the Pharisees - 19:1-3

Jesus finished His teaching in the area of Galilee Jesus began teaching on the other side of the Jordan River Jesus had great multitudes come to Him in that area Jesus healed many people in that region Jesus had the Pharisees come to Him in that region Jesus knew that the Pharisees came to test Him Jesus was asked a question by the Pharisees (Jews who followed Rabbi Shammai permitted divorce only for immorality) (Jews who followed Rabbi Hillel permitted divorce for any reason)

b). Christ answered from the Scriptures - 19:4-6

Jesus asked the Pharisees how God made mankind in the beginning Jesus asked what God taught about marriage in the beginning God gave a universal principle because Adam had no father to leave God said that a husband and wife were to be joined to one another God said man was not to separate what God had joined together

2) The Pharisees looked for an excuse for divorce - 19:7-9

a). The law was misinterpreted by the Pharisees - 19:7

The Pharisees said that Moses gave a command The Pharisees said that Moses commanded divorce Christ made it clear that Moses only permitted - Deut. 24:1-4

b). The Law was explained by Christ - 19:8-9

Christ said that Moses talked about the hardness of hearts Christ said that was the reason that Moses allowed divorce A believer is not to deal treacherously with his wife - Mal. 2:14-16 Christ said that was not the plan of God from the beginning A Christian is not in bondage if an unbeliever departs - I Cor. 7:15 Christ gave only one reason for divorce The word for immorality includes all sorts of sexual sins - I Cor. 6:9 Christ said remarriage for any other reason is adultery

3). The disciples asked whether a person should even marry - 19:10-12

The disciples also asked a question about marriage The disciples asked if it would be wiser not to marry The disciples understood marriage in a new way - Mark 10:6-9 Christ said some may choose to marry Most of the apostles were married - I Cor. 9:5 Christ said some may choose to be celibate Paul had the right to marry but did not use that right - I Cor. 9:1-5 Christ said some may be unable to marry because of birth defects Christ said there are some who have been made eunuchs by men Men who served a queen were often made eunuchs - Acts 8:27 Christ said some may chose not to marry for the sake of the kingdom Some may want to serve the Lord without distraction - I Cor. 7:32-36 Christ said each person is free to choose marriage or celibacy Paul said each person could choose marriage or celibacy - I Cor. 7:26-28 False teachers may forbid marriage - I Tim. 4:1-3

h. Jesus taught about receiving children - 19:13-15

1). Jesus' disciples heard some parents wanted Jesus to bless their children 19:13

Some parents brought their little children to Christ These parents wanted their children to be touched by Christ - Luke 18:15 Some parents wanted Christ to put His hands on them and pray Jesus took the children, prayed for them and blessed them - Mark 10:16 Some parents were rebuked by the disciples These disciples wanted to turn away the parents - Luke 18:15

2). Jesus said to let the little children come to Him - 19:14-15

Christ wanted the little children to come to Him Christ told the disciples to let the little children come to Him - Mark 10:14 Christ did not want the children to be forbidden Christ said we all need the faith of a little child - Matt. 18:3-4 Christ said that such is the kingdom of heaven Christ said we receive the kingdom as a little child - Mark 10:15 Christ then laid His hands on the children Christ laid His hands on the children Christ laid His hands on the children - Mark 10:16 Christ then departed from there Christ had a young man come running to Him - Mark 10:18 i. Jesus taught about the values of a rich young ruler - 19:16-26

1). Christ had a rich young ruler ask how to inherit eternal life - 19:16

The ruler came to Christ The ruler wanted to know what he could do to have eternal life

2). Christ gave the commandments about man's relationship to man - 19:17-20

Jesus pointed out that God is the only One who is good Jesus explained what the young man had to do to be saved by works The young man had to have kept the entire law perfectly The purpose of the law is to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24-25 The young man asked which commandments The young man knew he had not kept all of the commandments - Rom. 3:23 The young man was given the commandments related to others The young man said that he had kept those commandments

3). Christ told the young man how to have treasure in heaven - 19:21-22

Jesus told him what to do if he wanted to be perfect Jesus told him to sell what he had (his money was his god) Jesus told him to give the money to the poor Jesus told him to come and follow Him This was the answer to the young man's question - Mark 10:21 The young man heard what Jesus said The young man went away sorrowful The young man was very rich (money was his idol) Salvation requires turning from idols and turning to God - I Thess. 1:9

4). Christ explained why it is hard for the rich to enter heaven - 19:23-26

Jesus said it is hard for a rich man to enter heaven Jesus said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle Jesus said that was how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom The disciples were filled with astonishment The disciples asked who could be saved Jesus said salvation is impossible with men Mankind cannot be saved by works - Eph. 2:8-9 Jesus said salvation is possible with God It is possible to come to God through Jesus - John 14:6 j. Jesus taught about sacrificial service - 19:27-20:16

1). Christ taught about the reward of the disciples - 19:27-30

Jesus had Peter say that the disciples had left all to follow Him Jesus was asked how the disciples would be rewarded Jesus said that they would be rewarded in His presence Jesus said the disciples would sit on twelve thrones and judge Israel Jesus those who followed Him would be rewarded a hundredfold Jesus said those who followed Him would receive eternal life All believers will share eternal life - John 3:16 Jesus said the first will be last and the last first (this is illustrated in the next parable)

2). Christ gave the parable of the laborers - 20:1-16

a). The laborers were hired for a certain wage - 20:1-7

1]. Some laborers were hired for a certain wage - 20:1-2

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner Jesus said the landowner hired some workers early in the morning Jesus said the landowner agreed to pay them a denarius a day (This was the normal wage for a day of work) Jesus said the landowner sent them into his vineyard

2]. Some laborers were hired at later hours - 20:3-5

The landowner hired some more workers at the third hour The landowner said he would pay whatever was right The landowner did the same at the sixth and ninth hours

3]. Some laborers were hired at the eleventh hour - 20:6-7

The landowner went out at the eleventh hour The landowner found other people standing idle The landowner asked them why they were standing idle The landowner heard it was because no one had hired them The landowner then sent them into his vineyard The landowner told them he would pay what was right Christ will share eternal life with all equally - Luke 23:39-43 b). The laborers were given their wages - 20:8-16

1]. The laborers were all given the same wage - 20:8-10

The landowner told his steward to pay the workers their wages The landowner said to begin with those hired last Those hired at the eleventh hour were given a denarius Those who had worked the entire day supposed they would receive more Those who worked the entire day also received a denarius

2]. The laborers complained about this kindness - 20:11-12

Those who worked the entire day complained against the landowner Those who worked the entire day said the last men had only worked one hour Those who worked the entire day said the landowner had made them equal Those who worked the entire day said they had borne the burden Those who worked the entire day said they had borne the heat of the day

3]. The laborers heard the answer of the master - 20:13-16

The landowner said that he had done no wrong The landowner said those hired first agreed to the amount paid The landowner told them to take their wages and go their way The landowner said he wished to show kindness to those hired last The landowner said it was lawful for him to do as he chose The landowner said their evil eye rejected his goodness The landowner said the last will be first and the first last The landowner said many are called but few are chosen

k. Jesus spoke again of His coming death - 20:17-19

Christ then went on His way to Jerusalem Christ called the twelve aside as they went Christ said the Son of Man would be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes The disciples heard but they did not understand - Luke 24:6-11, 44-45 Christ said they would condemn Him to death Christ said they would deliver Him to the Gentiles Christ said the Gentiles would mock, scourge and crucify Him Christ said He would rise again the third day Christ knew the disciples did not expect His resurrection - John 20:19-29 **I.** Jesus taught about personal ambition - 20:20-28

1. Christ received a request from the mother of James and John - 20:20-21

The mother of James and John came with a request The mother asked for her sons to sit on the right and left of Christ

2. Christ said that they did not know what they were asking - 20:22-23

Jesus said they did not know what they were asking Jesus asked if they were able to drink the cup He would drink Jesus asked if they were able to be baptized with His baptism Jesus heard that they thought that they were able Jesus said that the would experience the baptism He received Jesus said the Father would determine who sat on His right and left

3. Christ saw the other disciples become very displeased - 20:24

The ten heard about the request of the brothers The ten were very displeased by the request

4. Christ described various kinds of leadership - 20:25-28

a). The description of worldly leadership (drives people) - 20:25

Jesus said the Gentiles lord it over others Jesus said they exercise authority over others

b). The description of servant leadership (leads people) - 20:26

Jesus said that worldly leadership does not show greatness Jesus said great leadership serves others

c). The description of bondslave leadership - 20:27-28 (serves people and helps them develop their full potential)

Jesus said the greatest leadership is bondslave leadership Jesus said He did not come to be served Jesus said bondslave leadership serves others Jesus said He would give His life a ransom for many Jesus gave us an example to follow and do as He did - John 13:15 m. Jesus taught about compassion on the helpless - 20:29-34

1). Two blind men begged Jesus for mercy - 20:29-30

Christ left the city of Jericho (this was probably old Jericho as Herod had built a new Jericho) Christ was followed by a large crowd as He left the city Christ approached a place where two blind men were sitting One of the blind men named Bartimaeus spoke for both of them - Mark 10:46 The two blind men heard that Jesus was passing and cried out The men heard that this was Jesus of Nazareth - Mark 10:47 The two blind men asked Jesus to show mercy The blind men recognized that they needed mercy - Luke 18:38-39 The two blind men recognized Jesus as Lord The two blind men recognized that Jesus was the Son of David 2). Two blind men were told to keep quiet by the multitude - 20:31 The crowd did not show compassion or mercy The crowd warned the two men to keep quiet The two blind men did not listen to the crowd The two blind men continued to cry out to Jesus Jesus commanded that the men be brought to Him - Luke 18:40 3). Two blind men received their sight and followed Jesus - 20:32-34 Christ stood still and called to the two men The crowd told them to be happy because Jesus was calling them - Mark 10:49 The blind men threw aside their garments and came to Jesus - Mark 10:50 Christ asked the two blind men what they wanted Jesus to do The two blind men again recognized Jesus as Lord They called Him "Rabboni" which means master - Mark 10:51 The two blind men asked Jesus to open their eyes Bartimaeus explained that the men needed their sight - Luke 10:41 Christ had compassion on the two blind men Jesus said that their faith had made them well - Luke 18:42 Christ touched the eves of the two blind men The two men immediately received their sight The two men then followed Jesus The men glorified God as they followed Him - Luke 18:43 The people who saw the miracle also gave praise to God - Luke 18:43