

Matthew

February 2025

JESUS QUEST

One Day at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>When you see Jesus, you have seen the Heavenly Father. (John 14:9)</p> </div>						<p>Chapter 1 The ancestors of Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David and of Abraham:</p>
<p>Chapter 2 From Bethlehem shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people.</p>	<p>Chapter 3 Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.</p>	<p>Chapter 4 Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.</p>	<p>Chapter 5 "Blessed are the..."</p>	<p>Chapter 6 "Pray like this, Our Father ..."</p>	<p>Chapter 7 In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.</p>	<p>Chapter 8 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the leper and said, "I do choose to heal you. Be made clean."</p>
<p>Chapter 9 Jesus had dinner at Matthew's house and many tax collectors and sinners came to the dinner also.</p>	<p>Chapter 10 Jesus sent the twelve he chose as apostles.</p>	<p>Chapter 11 "Go back and report to John what you have heard and seen."</p>	<p>Chapter 12 "Have you not read what David did when he and his friends were hungry?"</p>	<p>Chapter 13 And Jesus told the crowd many things using parables.</p>	<p>Chapter 14 Jesus withdrew in a boat to a secluded place when he heard that John the Baptizer was dead.</p>	<p>Chapter 15 A Canaanite woman cried, "Have mercy, Lord, Son of David. My is tormented by a demon."</p>
<p>Chapter 16 "But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"</p>	<p>Chapter 1 Jesus' appearance was changed so that his face shone like the sun, his clothes were as white as light.</p>	<p>Chapter 18 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.</p>	<p>Chapter 19 "To be complete, sell what you have, give to the poor, store it in heaven; then come, follow Me."</p>	<p>Chapter 20 "I can't say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has the places for the ones he has chosen."</p>	<p>Chapter 21 "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question."</p>	<p>Chapter 22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables.</p>
<p>Chapter 23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!"</p>	<p>Chapter 24 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"</p>	<p>Chapter 25 When the Son of Man comes in glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne.</p>	<p>Chapter 26 "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me?"</p>	<p>Chapter 27 But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor's surprise.</p>	<p>Chapter 28 "Do not be afraid."</p>	

Questions from Matthew to Ponder about Jesus

The questions below come from a section of each chapter. These are questions Gary is pondering. Their purpose is to help see Jesus more fully. Let's open our imagination to the Spirit on our quest to know Jesus better.

1. What does Jesus' genealogy reveal about him that could matter to people today?
2. What could be some implications about Jesus being born in Bethlehem and being declared a shepherd?
3. What are some ways that baptizing with the Holy Spirit and fire make Jesus different than John the Baptist?
4. What makes Jesus' temptations like mine? Different than mine?
5. What does it say about Jesus that he begins his sermon with blessings?
6. What do we learn about Jesus' understanding of prayer from the prayer he gave us to pray?
7. What are some ways Jesus lives out the golden rule?
8. What does it mean for me that Jesus reached out and touched the leper?
9. What does it say about Jesus that he willingly caused controversy by having dinner with tax collectors and sinners?
10. What might we learn from Jesus sending out the apostles to cities?
11. How could Jesus' answer to John the Baptist's question encourage me about the questions I have?
12. How is Jesus' use of Scripture different than the Pharisees?
13. What does Jesus' use of parables tell me about his teachings?
14. How might Jesus' responses to John the Baptizer's death help me deal with death?
15. Putting myself in the place of the Canaanite woman, what thoughts might I have about Jesus?
16. How are some ways today people (including me) identify who Jesus is?
17. How might the transfiguration have been a defining moment for Jesus' personal life?
18. What are ways that Jesus demonstrates that greatness comes through humility?
19. What might be some things I can't give up to fully follow Jesus?
20. Jesus couldn't give James and John what they requested. What could that mean for my requests of Jesus?
21. What might be some reasons Jesus responded to questions with a question and not an answer?
22. What might be some of Jesus' motives to keep telling parables about the religious leaders when the last two verses in chapter 21 say they knew what Jesus was doing and were trying to stop him?
23. What might be some reasons that Jesus maintained pressure on the religious leaders?
24. Why do I think Jesus answered the disciples at length about the signs of the temple and of his coming?
25. What might Jesus want me to learn from the three parables about his coming?
26. What motivated Jesus to adamantly defend the woman who anointed him?
27. What can we learn about Jesus' disposition by his refusal to defend himself against accusations?
28. What do Jesus' words "do not be afraid" communicate about his relationship with me?

After reading Matthew, is there anything I see about Jesus that I may not have seen before or may have forgotten?

"As Jesus is, God is." What do I see in Jesus that challenges me to accept that God is like Jesus?