



DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do section A. Read Matt. 1:1-17; Lk. 3:23-28
- Day 2: Do section B. Read Jn. 1:1-18

Lesson 1
**Genealogies;
Introduction to N.T.**
Matt. 1:1-17; Lk. 3:23-28; Jn. 1:1-18

A. The Genealogy of Jesus. Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-28

The Gospel of Matthew begins with a genealogy of Jesus. There is also a genealogy of Jesus in Luke's gospel.

1. Read the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17. Answer the following questions:

- What is a genealogy?
- Do you have a genealogy? How far back can you trace your descent?
- Why do you think genealogies were important to the Jews?
- How many generations does Matthew record from Abraham to Jesus?
- Is this a complete genealogy? If not, what is its purpose?
- What does the use of "son" in the first verse tell us about the nature of this genealogy?
- Why are David and Abraham mentioned in the first verse? (Cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-15; Genesis 12:1-3)
- How many generations are recorded from Abraham to David? From David until the captivity in Babylon? From the captivity in Babylon until Christ? What might be one reason these are so neatly organized?
- Look through these list of names. Can you find any names you would not expect in the lineage of the Messiah? What does this indicate about God?

2. Read the genealogy of Jesus in Luke 3:23-38. What differences do you notice between it and Matthew's? What might account for this difference?

B. The Word Became Flesh. Read John 1:1-18

This section is sometimes called the "prologue" to John's gospel. It serves as an introduction to the gospel, and gives us a unique insight into the pre-existence of Jesus that none of the other gospel accounts provide.

1. The Word and Deity, vs. 1.
 - Was the Word created?
 - Was the Word another being besides God?
 - Did the Word share the same nature as God?
2. The Word and Creation, vv.2,3
 - Did the Word have a part in creation? If so, what?
3. The Word and Life, vv.4-9
 - What kind of life do you think this is? What did it provide for men?
 - Who bore witness to the light?
4. The Word and the World, vv.10-13
 - How did the world react to the Word?
 - Who do you think "His own" are that did not receive Him? vs.11
 - What was true of those who received Him?
5. The Word Made Flesh, vv.14-18
 - Who was the Word? How do you know?
 - What does this tell us about the existence of Jesus before He took on human flesh?

Thought Question

How likely is it that someone would know their genealogy over 42 or more generations like Jesus did? How does this indicate God's providence? Is this evidence that points toward Jesus being God's Son?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Lk. 1:5-80
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Matt. 1:18-25
- Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 2
**John's Birth;
Angel Visits Mary**
Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:5-80

A. The Birth of John. Read Luke 1:5-80

1. Who was ruling at this time? Find out what you can about him.

2. What priest is mentioned? Who was his wife? What kind of people were they? How many children did they have?

3. What was Zacharias doing on this occasion? What would this involve? Exodus 30:6-8 How many times during his life do you suppose he would have done this?

4. What did the angel announce to him? How was Zacharias to know that this was true? Did it come to pass?

5. To whom does Gabriel appear? When? What do we know about this person? How did she react to the Gabriel's presence?

6. What did Gabriel announce to her? What did he say that indicated this would be special?

7. What was it significant that her child would be given the throne of his father David? (Cp. 2 Sam. 7:12-15)

8. What problem did Mary foresee? How would this be overcome?

9. Where did Mary go? What did Elizabeth immediately recognize about Mary?

10. When Elizabeth gave birth, what did people expect him to be called? What name did they give him? What happened to Zacharias when he wrote this name? What question did they raise about the child? What did this mean?

11. What did Zacharias prophecy about his child? What role would he serve?

12. Where did John go to prepare himself?

B. Angel Visits Joseph. Read Matthew 1:18-25

1. Joseph and Mary were betrothed. What does this mean? Why was Joseph ready to put away or divorce Mary?

2. What did the angel tell Joseph about Mary and her son?

3. What was the child to be called at birth? What was significant about this name?

4. What prophecy was to be fulfilled by this birth?



Thought Question

What evidence did God provide by the birth of John and the conception of Jesus that these were special individuals? Is that evidence just as strong today, 2,000 years later?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matt. 2:1-23
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Lk. 2:1-40
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions

Lesson 3
**Birth and Infancy of
Jesus**
Matt. 2:1-23; Lk. 2:1-40

A. The Wise Men Search for Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-23

1. Why did the wise men come to Jerusalem to search for the King of the Jews?
2. Where did Herod's scribes look to find out where the Christ was to be born? Where was it? How could anyone have known this? Where might we have expected His birthplace to be?
3. What did the wise men do when they found Jesus? Why did they not return to Herod?
4. Where did Joseph and Mary flee? Why?
5. What did Herod do when he discovered that he had been deceived? Why was he so concerned? What does this tell us about the kind of man he was?
6. When were Joseph and Mary able to return from Egypt? Where did they go to live? Why did they go there?

B. Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem. Read Luke 2:1-40

1. Luke's account of Jesus' birth describes the actual birth of Jesus. Matthew and Luke sometimes describe different details about the same events in the life of Jesus. They overlap in places, but by putting them together we get a more complete picture of what happened. Each writer, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, emphasizes different aspects of Jesus' ministry.
2. Why were Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem when Jesus was born? Would this have been convenient for them?

3. How did the angels describe Jesus to the shepherds? Did Mary understand why all this was happening?
4. After the specified time according to the law, Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice for Jesus in the temple. What two people drew attention to Jesus? In what way did they each think He was special?
5. The only other insight we have into the life of Jesus as He was growing up was His trip to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old.
 - How did He get left behind in Jerusalem? Is it hard to believe this could happen?
 - Where did Joseph and Mary find Jesus when they returned to Jerusalem? What was He doing? Why did Jesus tell them He was there? What did He mean? Did they understand?
6. In what ways did Jesus progress like other young men? 2:52 What do each of these involve?



Thought Questions

1. Do you think Jesus had it easy as a child? Why or why not?
2. The development of Jesus is summarized in Luke 2:52.
 - Would He have had responsibilities like you do?
 - Would there be temptations for Him?
 - What do you think His attitude was toward His mother and father?
 - Did He have to go to church? Did He have Bible lessons to study? Did He enjoy them?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Sections A,B. Read Matt.3:1-12; Mk.1:1-8; Lk.3:1-18
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Jn.1:19-28
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions

Lesson 4
John's Ministry
Matt.3:1-12; Mk.1:1-8;
Lk.3:1-18; Jn.1:19-28

A. John's Preaching. Read Matt.3:1-12; Mk.1:1-8; Lk.3:1-18

1. Where did John begin his preaching? What did he tell the people they needed to do? How urgent was it for them to do this? Why? (Matt.)

2. According to Isaiah, what was John's mission?

3. Describe John's appearance. How did his lifestyle compare to that of Jesus? (Cp. Matt.11:18,19)

4. What kind of following did he receive? What two groups came to hear him? Why do you think they were there? Was John impressed?

5. What kind of fruits did he tell them they needed to bring? (Matt.) What did this involve? (Lk.3:10-14)

6. What fact might have made some of John's hearers think that they did not need to repent? (Matt.3:9) Why was John not impressed?

7. How did John compare himself to the one coming after him?

8. What did he warn the people would happen to them if they did not repent? (Matt.3:10,12)

9. What was John teaching that would allow the people to show they had repented?

C. John Answers His Querists. Read John 1:19-28

1. Who did the priests and Levites think John might be? What did they have in mind by the last one? (Cp. Deut.18:15-18)
2. What answer did John give them to tell the Pharisees who he was?
3. What did John mean when he told them he was not worthy to loose the sandals of the one coming after him?



Thought Questions

1. John told his hearers to repent. Why was this necessary in order for them to be ready for the kingdom? How important is it for us today?
2. John also told them to bring forth fruits "worthy of repentance."
 - What is repentance? Is it regretting something we have done? Is it having a guilty conscience? Is it confessing that we have sinned?
 - What is it that leads us to repentance? Cp. 2 Cor.7:10; Rom.2:3 What is the relationship between these two things?
 - If we change our life, does it mean that we have repented? On the other hand, can we repent without changing our life?
3. Is repentance something we do only when we first become a Christian? Acts 2:38; 8:22,23

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-22
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Matt.4:1-13
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 5
**Jesus is Baptized and
Tempted**

Matt.3:13-4:11; Mk.1:9-13;
Lk.3:21-22, 4:1-13

A. Jesus is Baptized. Read Matt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-22

1. From what place did Jesus come in order to be baptized by John? Did He think this baptism was important?
2. What was John's reaction to Jesus' request? Did Jesus need this baptism like other people? Why did He want to do it?
3. What happened after His baptism? What did God indicate to about the actions of Jesus? Why would this be important at the start of Jesus' ministry?

B. The Temptations of Jesus. Read Matt.4:1-13

1. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to the wilderness? Who did God allow this meeting?
2. How did Jesus feel after fasting 40 days? How would you feel?
3. What was Satan's first temptation? Would there be anything wrong with this? (Jesus later multiplied the amount of food in order to feed the multitude)
4. How did Jesus respond Satan? How did his response answer Satan's temptation?

5. Where did Satan take Jesus next? What did he ask him to do? What did he suggest by the passages he quoted?
6. What did Jesus mean when He said "It is written again?" How was the suggestion of Satan an attempt to tempt or test God?
7. What final temptation did Satan offer Jesus? Why would this be a temptation? Would Jesus ultimately receive these things? (Cp. Eph.1:20,21) What price did He have to pay in order to do so?
8. How did Jesus answer Him?
9. What happened to Satan after these temptations?



Thought Questions

1. Is Satan trying to tempt us today, even though we can't see him? How do we know? (Cp. Rom.10:17; 1 Peter 5:8)
2. Jesus repeatedly quoted Scripture in order to withstand the temptations of Satan. Why is it important for us to know Scripture in order to overcome temptation?
3. Are the temptations we face like those that Jesus faced? Why or why not?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Jn. 1:29-51
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read John 2:1-12.
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 6
First Disciples and Miracle
Jn. 1:29-2:12

A. Jesus and His Disciples. Read John 1:29-51

1. How did John recognize Jesus when he saw Him? What would he be referring to by this designation? How is Jesus later pictured in this way? (1 Peter 2:24; Rev.5:6) What had happened to Him?
2. What did the two disciples of John do the following day when John again recognized Jesus? Who was one of these disciples? Who was most likely the other one (if this was an eyewitness account)?
3. Who did Andrew go and find? What name did Jesus give him? What was he anticipating about him?
4. Which disciple did Jesus call next? What encouragement would Philip have had to go with Jesus?
5. What did Philip tell Nathaniel? What was Nathaniel's reaction? Why would he say this? What evidence did Philip offer Nathaniel?
6. What evidence did Jesus give Nathaniel? What was Nathaniel's reaction? What did Jesus promise Nathaniel?
7. When Jesus told Nathaniel he would see angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man, of whom was this a reminder? (Cp. Gen.28:10-12)

B. Jesus' First Miracle. Read John 2:1-12

Unlike the other gospel accounts, John only records seven miracles of Jesus. This is the first.

1. After returning to Galilee with His disciples, where was Jesus invited? Did He go?
2. What did Mary tell Jesus? What did she tell the servants? Why would she say this?
3. What instruction did Jesus give? How big were the waterpots? How full did they fill them?
4. What happened when the water was drawn from these pots? What did the master of the feast say about it?
5. Why was this a miracle? How is wine normally made?
6. John refers to this miracle as a "sign." What does a sign do? What did this sign tell Jesus' disciples about Him?



Thought Questions

1. When Andrew found his brother Simon, he told him, "We have found the Messiah." What did he mean by this? How long had the Jews been looking for Messiah?
2. When the word "wine" is used in the Bible, it could be referring to either alcoholic wine or non-alcoholic wine. Both were consumed in the time of Jesus. Do you think Jesus would be producing alcoholic wine for the guests at the wedding feast to consume at the end of the feast? Why or why not?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Jn. 2:13-25
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Jn. 3:1-36
- Day 3: Do Section C, Thought Questions. Read Jn. 4

Lesson 7
**Trip to Jerusalem;
Woman at the Well**
Jn. 2:13-4:42

A. Jesus Visits Jerusalem. Read John 2:13-25

Jesus began His ministry after His baptism and temptations, probably in the early spring of the first year of His ministry. At this point, He travels to Jerusalem to keep the Passover, just as many Jews would do. Keeping track of these Passovers allows us to have some idea of the length of His ministry.

1. What did Jesus do to the money changers in the temple? Was it wrong for them to change money or sell animals for the sacrifices? Why did He do this?
2. What did the Jews want to see? Why?
3. What did Jesus promise? What did they think He was talking about? Of what was He really speaking?
4. When did His disciples understand His words?
5. Why did Jesus not commit Himself to men even though they saw His signs and believed?

B. Jesus and Nicodemus. Read John 3

1. Who was Nicodemus? What does this tell us about the Pharisees? Why do you think He came to Jesus by night?
2. What did Nicodemus realize about Jesus? What does this suggest about the purpose of the signs Jesus worked?
3. What did Jesus say was necessary in order for one to enter into the kingdom? What did He mean? Why did Nicodemus have difficulty understanding this?

C. The Woman at the Well. Read John 4

1. Where did Jesus go after spending time with them where John the Baptist was baptizing?
2. How did He return to Galilee? When He came to Sychar, who did He talk to at the well? List some reasons why this was out of the ordinary.
3. How did He start His conversation with this woman? What did He offer her? What did He mean?
4. How many husbands did the woman have? What did she realize as a result of Jesus' words?
5. What was the origin of the Samaritans? What differences did the Jews and Samaritans have about where to worship God?
6. What did Jesus tell this woman was more important than the place of worship? What do you think He meant?
7. Of what did Jesus tell His disciples that His food consisted?
8. How many in that area found out about Jesus?



Thought Questions

1. Do you think it was easier for people who lived during the time of Jesus to believe in Him because of the signs He worked? Would it be better if we had such evidence today to base our belief upon?
2. Many feel that the Bible teaches principles about the role of a woman that are harmful to a woman and her rights. Do you think examples such as Jesus and the Samaritan woman show that Jesus raised or lowered the dignity of women?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Jn. 4:46-54
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Lk. 5:1-11
- Day 3: Do Section C, Th. Questions. Read Mk. 1:16-34

Lesson 8
**Nobleman's Son Healed;
Fisherman Called;
Healings in Capernaum**
Matt. 4:12-25; 8:14-17; Mk. 1:16-34;
Lk. 4:31-5:11; Jn. 4:43-54

A. Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son. Read John 4:46-54

1. How sick was the nobleman's son when He found Jesus?
2. Where was Jesus? Where was the nobleman's son? See if you can find the distance between these two places.
3. What did Jesus tell the nobleman? How did the nobleman respond?
4. What news greeted the nobleman on his way home? How did He know that it was Jesus who had healed His son?
5. Why did Jesus say He was willing to do such a sign as this?

B. Jesus Calls the Fishermen to be Disciples. Read Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

1. It is not clear if these are two readings are the same situation or two different ones. At any rate, who did Jesus call to come and follow Him? (Mark) What were they busy doing? How did they respond? Is this the first time they had seen Jesus? (Remember Lesson 6)
2. What had Simon been doing all night when Jesus got into his boat to teach? (Luke) What did Jesus tell Simon to do after He finished teaching? How did Simon respond? What happened?
3. How did Simon respond? Why do you think he responded this way?

C. Healings in Capernaum. Read Mark 1:21-34

1. List the signs done by Jesus in this section.
2. Where did he do these signs? Where is this city located? This city served as Jesus' headquarters during what is known as His Galilean ministry.
3. What are some characteristics of demons based on the healing of the man with the unclean spirit? How much do we know about unclean spirits? A lot or a little? What do such signs demonstrate about the power of Jesus? What did it emphasize? (vs.22)



Thought Questions

1. How difficult do you think it would have been for Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave their jobs as fishermen and follow Jesus? Would it have been a difficult decision for them? Did it require faith on their part? Is our decision to become a Christian or disciple the same kind of decision?
2. When Jesus told Peter to let his nets down into the deep, did this require faith? Did Peter know how to fish? What would his own experience have told him about the Lord's suggestion? Does our faith sometimes require us to do things we do not fully understand? Give an example. Does our faith mean we should do them anyway? Why or why not?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matt. 8:1-4
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Lk. 5:12-26
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 9
**Jesus Heals a Leper; Jesus
Forgives and Heals a Paralytic**
Matt. 8:1-4; 9:1-8;
Mk. 1:35-2:1-12; Lk. 5:12-26

A. Healing the Leper. Read Matt. 8:1-4

1. The first miracle mentioned in this section is Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Look up leprosy in a Bible dictionary or some other reference work and find out what you can about it. Was there a known cure for it? How did it affect those who had it? Was it contagious?

2. What did the law teach about lepers? (Skim through Leviticus 13,14) What was to be done if leprosy was discovered? Where did the leper have to go? Why do you think this was so?

3. What did this leper believe Jesus could do? Why would he think this? (Cp. Matt. 4:24)

4. What did Jesus do? Would this be the normal reaction to leprosy? How much time did it take?

5. What did Jesus command the man to do once he was cleansed? Why?

B. The Healing of the Paralytic. Read Lk. 5:12-26

1. Who was listening to Jesus on this occasion? Since Jesus was in Capernaum, what does this suggest about the interest He was creating?

2. How did the paralyzed man get to Jesus? What did this indicate about his faith and the faith of those who brought him?
3. What was the first response of Jesus? How did the Pharisees react? What does it mean to blaspheme?
4. What did Jesus next offer to do? What did this prove? (vs.24)
5. What happened? How did the people react?



Thought Questions

1. Jesus claimed to forgive the sins of the paralytic, then healed Him. Which required greater power? Which is the bigger problem? If so, why would He bother with healing this man? What did this miracle demonstrate?
2. Jesus did many miracles during His ministry. Many sick people were made well as a result of His healing. Some today assume that we should expect the same kind of miracles.
 - Are such miracles being worked today? If not, why not? Does God care as much about disease today as He did then?
 - What was the purpose of those miracles? How do we know?

2. On these two occasions, Jesus and His disciples were accused of violating the Sabbath. In the first situation, His disciples plucked heads of grain from the field and rubbed the grain from the heads to eat. On the second occasion, Jesus healed a man with a withered hand.

- Did either of these constitute a violation of the Sabbath? Were they a violation of Pharisee tradition?
- What had David done when he was hungry? Did the Pharisees condemn David? Were they consistent in condemning Jesus and His disciples?
- What authoritative statement did Jesus make in Mark 2:28? How impressive was this?

3. Jesus also healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. Mark 3:1-6

- What seemed to be one of the reasons Jesus did this sign? vs.2
- What question did He ask? What reaction did He have to their attitude? Why?
- What did the authorities begin to do from that time?



Thought Questions

1. Jesus taught a parable in which He said we should not try to put a piece of new cloth on an old garment or new wine into old wineskins. He was suggesting that it is difficult to force His teaching into our way of life. What happens when we try to pick and choose concerning the teaching of Jesus, especially when we choose just the parts we want? Is that easier than just changing our entire way of life to suit His teaching?
2. Many religious people refer to Sunday as the "Christian Sabbath." Is Sunday the same as the Sabbath? Is there a similarity between the things the Jews did on the Sabbath and things we do on Sunday?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matt.10:1-4; Mk.3:7-19
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Matt.5:1-20
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 11
**Twelve Apostles Chosen;
Sermon on the Mount**
Matt.10:1-4; 5:1-20; Mk.3:7-19;
Lk.6:12-26

A. The Twelve Apostles Are Chosen. Read Matt.10:1-4; Mk.3:7-19

1. Using the list in Matthew 10:1-4, list the twelve apostles. Memorize them.

2. What were the occupations of Peter, Andrew, James and John? Matthew? What political persuasion did Simon the Canaanite have? (Cp. Acts 1:13)

3. What was at least one reason why Jesus called these men? Matt.9:37-38

4. What did Jesus do the night before choosing them? Lk.6:12

5. What did He send the apostles to do after choosing them? (Matt.10:5ff.)

B. The Sermon on the Mount. Read Matthew 5:1-20

The Sermon on the Mount is the name given to the lesson that Jesus preaches in Matthew 5-7. Jesus delivered it on a mountain (vs.1), thus the name. It contains many of the basic principles He taught. Jesus probably delivered many similar sermons on other occasions. Just as we have a Constitution which governs our nation, this sermon is like a constitution for the kingdom Jesus established, telling us what He expects from us.

1. The Beatitudes, vv.1-12
 - List the beatitudes. What does each one of them involve? Why would they be necessary to be in the kingdom?

- What reward is there for those who develop these attitudes?
 - Why would anyone be persecuted for being this kind of person? vv.10-12
2. What did Jesus say His disciples would be? 5:13-16 Can you think of some ways in which this is true?
 3. Jesus said the result of letting our light shine before men was so they would see our good works and glorify God, 5:16. Yet, He warns us in ch.6:1 not to do charitable deeds before men to be seen by them. Is this a contradiction? If not, how do you explain these two statements?
 4. What did Jesus say He had not come to do? 5:17 Why would anyone think He was? What had He come to do? What would happen to the law once He had fulfilled all its prophecies?
 5. Whose righteousness must ours exceed? (This is the theme of most of the Sermon, as we will notice).
 - What does Jesus mean by this?
 - Which commandments does He expect us to keep?



Thought Questions

1. Is it easier to develop the beatitudes while we are young or when we get older? What can we do to acquire these characteristics?
2. The Pharisees had developed as a sect in the two or three centuries before Christ came. They placed great emphasis on keeping the law, but Jesus said we must do better.
 - Is it good or bad to keep the law?
 - What things have we studied about the Pharisees that demonstrate an emphasis on the wrong thing?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matthew 5:21-48
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Matthew 6:1-18
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions

Lesson 12
Sermon on the Mount
Matt.5:21-6:18

A. You Have Heard ... But I Say. Read Matt.5:21-48

Jesus illustrates the need to do better than the Pharisees by contrasting their traditions with God's original intention when He gave the law. In each case, the Pharisees seemed to be satisfied with outwardly conforming to what the law taught without an inward commitment to its principles.

1. What was taught concerning murder? What did Jesus teach was wrong? Was this so even if it did not lead to murder? How willing should someone be to make peace with his neighbor?
5:23-24
2. What was taught concerning adultery? What standard did Jesus give? What does this mean? What measures did He tell us take concerning lust? Does He really want us to pluck out an eye or cut off a hand?
3. What was taught about adultery? Compare this with Deuteronomy 24:1-4. God allowed the Jews to divorce, but was He encouraging them to divorce each other? What did Jesus say was true if a man divorces his wife for any reason other than sexual immorality?
4. What was taught about taking oaths? What did Jesus say should be sufficient in order to guarantee our word? What is true if we do more than this?
5. What did the law teach if someone harmed another? What did Jesus teach about getting back at someone who takes advantage of us or harms us?
6. What was taught about relations with others? What did Jesus say we are to do? Who else acts this way? Why are we no better than tax collectors if we just love those who love us?

B. Seek Your Rewards From Your Father. Read Matthew 6:1-18

1. Name the three areas of service or worship that Jesus addresses in this section.
 - What did the Pharisees do concerning each of these? What reward did they hope to get?
 - What actions does Jesus prescribe in each case? What will be the reward?
2. When Jesus talks about prayer, He teaches His disciples how to pray. Look at His prayer and list the different elements that should be a part of our prayer. Should we recite this prayer? How do we know?



Thought Questions

1. Jesus told His hearers to pluck out their eyes or cut off their hand in order to avoid seeing or touching as a result of lust in their hearts. He obviously did not mean to do this in a literal way, but sometimes changing our habits that promote lust can be as painful as this. What things will create lust or desire in our hearts? Is it safe to watch TV or a video as long as it does not bother us? Is it alright to watch it if we are accustomed to it?
2. Jesus tells us that when we pray, we are not to use vain repetitions because the Father knows what we have need of before we ask. If this is so, why should we even bother praying? What are some benefits of prayer?

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS:

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Matt. 6:19-34
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Matt. 7:1-29
- Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 13
Sermon on the Mount
Matt.6:19-7:29; Lk.6:37-49

A. Our Attitude Toward Riches. Read Matthew 6:19-34

1. Why is it not a good idea to lay up treasures on the earth? What can happen to them? Is this true today? What other things can happen to them?
2. Why is it important to lay up treasure in heaven? Of what is this an indicator?
3. What is it impossible to do? Can you give some examples of this?
4. Besides the accumulation of wealth, Jesus warns against worry. What are some reasons He gives that should keep us from being anxious? Explain each of them.
 - vs.25a (What does He mean by life?)
 - vs.26 - To what should we compare ourselves? Why?
 - vs.27 - What good does it do us to worry?
 - vs.30 - What do we lack if we worry?
5. What can we do in a positive way that will keep us from being anxious? What will happen if we are seeking this?
6. What is one final reason we should not worry about tomorrow?

C. Judging and Other Matters. Read Matthew 7:1-29

1. What does Jesus warn against in vv.1-2?
 - With what kind of judgment is He concerned? vv.3-4
 - What does it make us when we judge this way? vs.5
 - Does this mean we should never make any kind of judgment concerning anyone? vs.6
2. Why should we keep asking and knocking? What assurance do we have about our heavenly Father?
3. Which way are we to take? Why is this difficult? Does this mean we just do the opposite of what the majority are doing?
4. Of whom are we to beware? How can we determine whether or not someone is a false prophet? Can you think of some false prophets today?
5. Why does Jesus say some will be surprised in the day of judgment? Is it enough to be doing what we think the Lord wants us to do? Is it enough to be sincere? Active? Why will Jesus say He does not know some?
6. Who is wise and who is foolish according to Jesus?
7. How did the people react to Jesus? Why?



Thought Question

There are many today who claim we should not judge or condemn others. In other words, they would insist that we should tolerate those who believe abortion is right or those who practice homosexuality. Is this what Jesus means when He tells us not to judge others? Why or why not? What should be our attitude toward practices like these?