

2. What do you see in Mt 1-21 which indicates Matthew is targeting the Jews with his message. What also shows that he did not forget the Gentiles?

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3. The Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) is unique to Matthew. Identify at least four different law teachings and apply them to your life.

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Identify next at least four different gospel truths in the Sermon on the Mount and explain how they give you comfort.

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4. Rate the different reactions to Jesus from (1) hotly rejected to (5) received with great faith. Would you predict any different reactions in today's world?

Mt 2:11	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>	Mt 9:11	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>
Mt 2:16	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>	Mt 13:53-38	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>
Mt 8:5-13	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>	Mt 15:21-28	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>
Mt 8:18-22	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>	Mt 16:1-4	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>
Mt 9:9-10	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>	Mt 16:13-16	<i>1 2 3 4 5</i>

Use the following parables of Jesus to formulate an appropriate response to the reactions listed above.

Matthew 7:13-14 - Two Gates

Matthew 13 - Parable of Sower

Matthew 7 :24ff - Two Builders

Mt 18:10-14 - Lost Sheep

Mt 21:33ff - Parable of Tenants

5. List at least three people in Mt 1-21 who really needed to hear about their problem of sin. Appraise their response after hearing it.

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Pick one of the people you listed above. Use that account to practice teaching someone the need for forgiveness. Explain your choice.

6. List at least three people in Mt 1-21 who really needed to hear about God's forgiving love. Discuss how it changed them.

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Pick one of the people you listed above. Explain how you could use that person's story to comfort someone struggling with guilt. Explain your choice.



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CHALLENGE

*“Every word of God is flawless;
he is a shield to those
who take refuge in him.”
—Proverbs 30:5*

You can still participate even if you did not finish reading the section.

We'll begin with time for sharing questions and comments on the reading section.

1. Matthew clearly sets out to show Jesus as the Messiah. Use four examples from Mt 1-21 to demonstrate this is his intent. How could you use these chapters to share Jesus as the Messiah?

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