

Book of Mathew:

Intro:

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NASB 95) 15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word [of mouth] or by letter from us.

God wrote a book for non-believers to read and hear that will convert their souls away from sin. Sin is rebellion against God that starts in Genesis 3 that spreads to all humans. Non-believers will become Christians through God the Holy Spirit using the Bible to work in their soul that leads to the cleansing of sin. The Bible becomes a book that instructs, encourages, disciplines, and commands all Christians. Why does the Bible do this? The Bible exists to reveal sin and directs Christians because God speaks here to the human soul. God's people have a book that contains what God says and means that is common among all. The teachings contained within are always true and binding on Christians. There is a common faith as in common teaching that applies equally to all humans that does not depend on human belief, authority of a church or a leader, academics, and bad tradition. The Bible is its own unique authority. Readers of the Bible should accept its meaning. Why accept? God communicated in this way.

A husband and father wrote this series of reflections on the Bible for his family to use in family worship. Family worship is when a father leads his family into God's word to be instructed from its pages. Providential circumstances prompted this man to write these reflections when he needed to express his thoughts. There will be sections with a day and a number to help organize the notes. It is best to read before and after a passage indicated with the notes after. God has provided the Bible where it provides good tradition that can be summarized and reflected on. It is best to start with Genesis to establish concepts the rest of the Bible assumes to be true. The series will illustrate many concepts and teachings early on. Later sections will assume these concepts without providing much detail. Another way is to be familiar with documents like the 1689 Confession of Faith in their original meaning. It is best to read these reflections with John Gill's Commentary of the Bible. He provides greater detail in many places and has proven to be a good commentary that has lasted about two to three hundred years at the time of writing. Matthew Poole is another good resource.

The translation used in preparation is the New American Standard 95 Edition with the 1689 Confession of Faith and Baptist Symbolics Series by James Renihan.

May God use these series of reflection for His own glory and praise. Amen!

Matthew 1:

Day 1:

Verses 1-17:

God made Abraham a promise that his descendants will inherit a land. Here is a record of this land promise being fulfilled. Abraham's children formed the nation of Israel and took over an area promised to them. Is there a greater reason why the nation of Israel existed? Yes. Genesis 3 promises a skull crushing God and Saviour will come. This is Jesus Christ. He is one of the subsistences of God. There are three subsistences as in the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in the being of God. Each subsistence is real and exists in God. God is not a container. The three subsistences just are God. This genealogy records how God brings about Jesus Christ to act and will in the world. The Father relates to son by sending through being begotten. Jesus Christ is uniquely born maintaining a special relationship with the Father. Does Jesus Christ have a task to complete? Yes. His role is to save many of Adam's family. Adam fails to uphold God's command in Genesis 2 and brings into sin the world in Genesis 3. Sin is rebelling against God deep in the soul that has many fruits in thought, action, and speech. All humans are born in a state of being guilty of sin because the liar goes astray from birth. No human is good according to God's standard and will not seek after God. Jesus Christ is the better Adam that upholds what God requires to set many humans free of sin. God out of His mercy creates the nation of Israel over many generations to bring about Jesus Christ for the predetermined time and place to set many in Adam's family free. God is seeking humans to bring many into salvation only through Jesus Christ.

Are there foreshadows of Christ coming through His own genealogy from Joseph? Joseph is Christ's earthly father. There are men of faith like Abraham who foreshadow faith is required to come to God. Faith is resting and trusting in God's mercies for salvation. Christians require faith to come to God. Jews and non-Jews are Christians together. There is King David and his children as kings on Israel's throne. Is there a greater king coming? Yes. Jesus Christ is the lord of lords. The great God and Saviour Jesus Christ is the superior king because He is God. Who is the most wisest human to live? King Solomon. God gave this earthly king wisdom after King Solomon asked for wisdom. Jesus Christ is the superior king with great wisdom. The Lord Jesus Christ has perfect insight for every situation because He is the most wise God who gave King Solomon wisdom. Within Christ's genealogy is God's justice and mercy. The nation of Israel sinned greatly that led this nation to being exiled to Babylon. Then this nation

would return to the land of Israel after God having mercy. This is a picture of what all humans deserve. All humans deserve God's justice that last forever in a poor and miserable state. There is mercy found in Jesus Christ alone for sin.

This genealogy in the Bible through ways should remind Christians of what God has done in history. There are many generations of humans that looked forward to Jesus Christ to come. God promised many salvation and eternal home throughout the generations. Did they receive this promise on earth? No. The covenant made between God and Israel ends at the end of Christ's earthly life. A covenant in simple terms and this context is agreement between the nation of Israel and God. Israel to receive God's mercy or God's justice is based on them keeping a set of laws. This covenant will eventually better the earth by bringing Christ into the world. The land promises given to Israel will end because it points to something greater. There is a better country without sin and its effects to live in only found in Jesus Christ's salvation. Christ's genealogy contains these ideas and more.

Day 2

Verses 18-25:

The law and prophets explain Christ will come as the promised saviour. What is the law and the prophets? The law and the prophets is what is contained in the 39 books of the Old Testament. The skull crushing saviour will come to defeat sin through being a human child from a human woman. God without change and sinless human with change will join together to in the person of Jesus Christ. Why is Christ sinless? Christ is sinless because He is not a child of sinful humans coming together to reproduce. God out His wisdom and power chose Mary to conceive and give birth to Jesus Christ. How would the subsistence of Jesus Christ become with child? The subsistence of the Holy Spirit would cause the human nature of Jesus Christ to be conceived and grow inside Mary. There will be a joining of God and human together in this baby. The person of Jesus Christ is unique and only one in history.

Mary had not been with any man to become pregnant. Joseph is to be married to Mary. He finds out that she is with child thinking she has been with another man to become pregnant. Joseph would have sent Mary away in private to show her respect. God intervenes with a dream explaining what is going on with Mary. It is God's plan that Mary to conceive and give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ by power of the Holy Spirit. This goes back to Genesis 3 where God promises to send someone to crush Satan's head and defeat curse of sin Adam introduced. God explains to Joseph this child will take

away the sin of God's people. Books like Hebrews explain this act of propitiation will save many before Christ's birth and after Christ's birth. Propitiation is an offering that turns away God's justice directed against sin and sinful humans. Jesus Christ's death will accomplish the act of atoning for sin and appeasing God's justice.

Joseph takes Mary to be his wife. Mary will remain a virgin until after Christ's birth. Passages like Matthew 12:14-46 show that Mary will have other children and not remain a virgin. All these events are spoken about in Isaiah 7-9 along with the rest of the Old Testament. This shows the power of God to set in motion what He wills and will accomplish what He wills. Adam introduces sin into the world. All of Adam's family inherit a sinful nature from Adam and add many personal offences against God. Christ's coming is God's plan for the world to save many from the curse of Adam and personal sin. Jesus Christ grants life to many where Adam failed to give life.

Matthew 2:

Day 1:

Verses 1-12:

The great God and saviour Jesus Christ came into the world as a sinless human baby. Jesus Christ will grow like any other human child. His parents will need to instruct Him. The word of God will need to be taught to Him. Why is this the case? Jesus Christ is fully human with the limitation of any other human who needs to learn, physically grow, can be injured and can die. Christ Jesus acts according to a human nature. Bethlehem is the place of birth for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are worshippers who want to come and see the child Jesus Christ called the Magi. Magi is a wise man who looks at the stars for insight and knowledge. It is unknown if Jesus Christ is a new born or older when the magi come to Him. Christ's age does not matter. The Magi go see King Herod. There is family named the Herod who serve as rulers in Jerusalem. One Herod will die then another will take his place keeping the same name throughout Christ's earthly life. The current King Herod hears the report from Magi about Jesus Christ as King of the Jews being born. King Herod is troubled. He calls for the experts in the Law and Prophets who explain from Micah 5:2 where Christ will be born. The Magi are called in again to see King Herod privately because King Herod wants to kill this other king seen later in Matthew. King Herod sends the Magi to search for Jesus Christ in Bethlehem and report back to him because he wants to

worship Christ. The deception is to kill Jesus Christ through saying find Jesus Christ in Bethlehem to worship Him.

The Magi found the Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem in a house. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The King Jesus Christ of many humans will receive gifts from the Magi as a part of worship. Isaiah 60:6 reveals these will be gifts given to Jesus Christ. God warns the Magi through a dream not to return to King Herod because of King Herod's deception. The Magi worship Jesus Christ and leave without seeing Herod by taking a different path home.

This passage reveals God the Father's care for the begotten son Jesus Christ. Begotten is the idea of being one of a kind. The Father and Jesus have one of a kind relationship with each other through God the son Jesus Christ being born as a sinless human. How does the Father show care? There is a place given to Jesus Christ to stay with His parents. Christ's birth according to His human nature is foretold and accomplished by God. God's knowledge is based on what He wills to occur. To foretell events is God revealing some of what He wills to occur. The Magi do not return to King Herod because of God revealing knowledge of King Herod's true intent through a warning of do not return. Dark forces of sinful humans and Satan tried to end the saviour's life prematurely. God prevents Christ's death until the required time on the cross. Jesus Christ's family will need to flee to another country because of King Herod. To leave one's country for another country can be expensive. There are various gifts given by the Magi to provide for the family's needs. Christ's family will be escaping to Egypt away from King Herod until Herod's death. Jesus Christ is cared for through various ways by His heavenly Father. Humans secured in Christ with salvation throughout history have God's care too in various ways.

Day 2

Verses 13-23:

The Magi are gone. King Herod is upset because the Magi tricked him in not returning. He ordered the unlawful murder of male children age two and under to murder the Lord Jesus Christ. Joseph is warned around the same time in a dream from God to flee to Egypt. The family flees during the night to get away from King Herod. God instructs Joseph and the family not to return to Israel until God sends another dream that it is safe. This will be after King Herod's death. This event fulfills what God revealed in Number 24:8 and Hosea 1:11.

Bethlehem where Joseph and the family were before fleeing see the unlawful murder of male children of age two or under. King Herod shows the evil in his heart by murdering many children who had nothing to do with the Magi and the child Jesus Christ. Jeremiah reveals 31:15 the fathers and mothers weeping over children because they are no more. Bethlehem is in great distress because the idiocy of one ruler who should have upheld do not take the unlawful murder of others. God's universal moral standard commands that humans should not take the unlawful life of other humans. The Lord Jesus Christ according to His human nature is protected because of God's special care for the begotten son.

King Herod dies. His son Archelaus will take his father's place becoming another King Herod. God speaks to Joseph again commanding him to return to Israel with Mary and Jesus Christ. There is no way to know how long this family is in Egypt. The gifts given by the Magi to Jesus Christ would be a form of provision. Why? Expensive gifts are given to Jesus Christ because of His special status. The family needs to flee overnight to save Jesus Christ from King Herod. The gifts could be used for family needs because of the expenses required fleeing to another country then to return. The family would have to find a home to live in Egypt then Israel again. Jesus Christ with His human parents find a home at Nazareth. This is to fulfill God's message in Judges 13:5. Why? Jesus Christ is set a part to save the God's chosen people through history from sin. Sin is the enemy of all humans. He is set a part because Jesus Christ is God's special servant to come once to die on the cross and conquer sin. This family has God's provision through God speaking through dreams and providing expensive gifts for some use.

Christians have God's care. Jesus Christ has unique events in His life that are His own. There are not to be repeated again and again because there is one Jesus Christ who came into the world. God will care for His beloved people through more ordinary ways. The Bible is there to speak and instruct. All events through some way are meant to better Christians throughout history. God created the world and has guided what occurs through His decree. Everything is directed by God. Christians should expect with thankfulness God's care and provision. This should be known deep in the soul beyond emotions or feelings.

Matthew 3:

Day 1:

Verses 1-12:

Please see Mark 1:2-11, Luke 3:1-22, and John 1:6-34 for the same account.

John the Baptist in Isaiah 40:3 is revealed by God will come before Jesus Christ's public ministry in Israel. For what reason is John the Baptist sent? He is sent to prepare for Christ's public ministry in the nation of Israel. John the Baptist is teaching and preaching in the area of Judah that God's coming kingdom is coming soon. Jesus Christ will bring the completion of the Covenant of Grace revealed by God in Genesis 3. The Covenant of Grace is agreement between God and humans where God's merits mercy to remove the just consequences of sin, to cleanse sin out of the human soul, to impute Christ's perfect law keeping, and welcomes many humans into His kingdom forever. Impute means to give or charge to. God commands humans found in Jesus Christ through the Bible alone. These humans will have God giving rewards for faithfulness and discipline for unfaithfulness. Christ keeps these humans in salvation forever. This covenant welcomes many humans throughout history. John the Baptist prepares Israel to hear teachings from there God who kept the nation safe during times of faithfulness and when under God's discipline.

Israel is called to repent of their sin. Why be called to turn away from sin? The national covenant between God and Israel will be replaced with a better covenant. The commands that came from Moses will be replaced. Many in Israel will fight this change. The religious leaders from various groups will become the most opposed to Christ. These leaders will take Christ's life through the Roman Empire. This is God's plan to bring about the Covenant of Grace.

John the Baptist is outside of the cities or where people normally gathered. He wore simple clothing. Other prophets from the Old Testament wore similar clothing. Locusts are insects that are moved around by the wind. He ate locusts and wild honey. John the Baptist diet is simple. Anyone seeing John the Baptist is coming to see a simple man proclaiming Jesus Christ is coming to bring a better covenant based on His own merit and mercy to save many humans from sin. Many people from cities and towns were coming to see John the Baptist to be baptized. What is Water baptism?

Water Baptism is a ritual to show a new way of life. Many groups in Christ's day performed water baptism when bringing new converts into the group. Water is applied to new converts in different ways. Baptism has a long history predating John the Baptist that used blood instead of water. John the Baptist is by the Jordan river to water baptize many to follow his teachings. Many Jews were being prepared to walk in a new life waiting for Christ's coming. Christ will have a public ministry of teaching that leads to

His death on the cross. The cross is where the Covenant of Grace is accomplished cleansing humans of sin from Genesis 3 until Christ's second return.

The religious leaders were coming out to see John the Baptist for water baptism.

¹Sadducees are a religious group who denied the supernatural. They denied Angels and other spiritual creatures existed. Human life ends at physical death. The dead cannot come back to life. Their Bible is more limited in books they accept are from God. This group is similar in many ways to what is called a Naturalist or an Atheists who deny the supernatural in the 21st century. What is John the Baptist response to Sadducees? He calls them wicked leaders that need to turn away from their sin. This repentance should lead to a new life with holy evidences of God's work in the soul. Better actions called fruits or works show a changed life. John the Baptist tells these leaders repent and follow the new way of life in action. Why is this the case? Many Jews look towards Abraham for comfort and to have status with God. To have believing parents or family members is not enough to come to God for salvation and receive water baptism. God can raise up rocks to the same faith of Abraham. Jews who do not accept the new way of life that John the Baptist foreshadows that points to Christ will lose their status and rights before God. All Jews need to look towards the merciful saviour Jesus Christ to join in the Covenant of Grace. The Covenant of Grace is fully explained in the Books of Acts to Revelation. Previous books of the Bible point towards the finished work of Jesus Christ. Passages like Hebrews 9:15 show Christ's salvation is provided for many humans from Genesis 3 on.

Jews who will not bend the knee in submission to Jesus Christ will face God's justice. There is a fire that does not destroy nor every goes out. This place will put humans in a poor suffering state because all humans follow rebellion against God from birth. The Covenant of Works failed because of Adam's failure. Adam was supposed to lead the human race to life by not eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He ate from the forbidden tree breaking the agreement with God in Genesis 2. Adam's curse of sin spreads among his children. The Jews need Christ to be cleansed of sin because of sin present at birth from Adam. There are additional sins committed by Jews that requires God's forgiveness. To keep the Law that Moses gave to Israel is not enough. All Jews have sin from birth and lack spiritual insight into God's way like non-Jews. The completion of the Covenant of Grace will end the national covenant of Israel to be replaced with a better one. John the Baptist is warning the Jews to receive and enter this better covenant. God offers this better covenant to the Jews first.

1 Information take from Popular Cyclopedia Biblical Literature & Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible

Jesus Christ will come to cleanse the sinful soul of many humans with the subsistence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has existence and is real being distinguished from the Father and Jesus Christ. This does not create division and separation in God. These are no modes or ways of God expressing Himself to deny they are real and distinguished from each other. All three subsistences are real and have existence in God. The Holy Spirit will provide Jesus Christ's salvation to many sinful humans. John the Baptist provides an outward sign of water baptism to represent a new way of life. This is still done in an old covenant made between God and Israel. Jesus will bring a better covenant along with the Holy Spirit. A covenant in this context is an agreement between God and humans with rewards and consequences. No longer a few at certain times will have the Holy Spirit like the Psalm writer King David. All of God's people will have the Holy Spirit to be cleansed from sin in the soul. The soul is the immaterial or invisible part that contains many different functions of all humans. Some functions are emotion, thought, memory, and reasoning combined together. The Holy Spirit through Christ's sacrifice will lead to a new way of life because the soul has been born again out of sin into God's light. John the Baptist knows his God will be coming in Jesus Christ to do such things. Either the Jews join in this better covenant or God's justice will await them. There awaits a place with a fire that does not destroy and will never end. This is no earthly fire that stops after a time that destroy's what it touches. Humans will be put into a poor state of suffering because of the rejection of Christ's mercy in salvation.

Day 2

Verses 13-17:

Please see Mark 1:2-11, Luke 3:1-22, and John 1:6-34 for the same account.

John the Baptist is at the Jordan river baptizing many. Jesus Christ comes to be baptized by John the Baptist before the start of His public ministry. John the Baptist sees Christ coming to realize that Jesus Christ should baptize him. Why? Jesus Christ is God who should minister to sinful humans that brings them to a new way of life. John the Baptist is approaching His God with reverence and respect. Jesus Christ insists that John the Baptist should baptize Him because to fulfill the way of righteousness. This is the correct action for John the Baptist to prepare Christ's way into public ministry and crucifixion that leads to the new covenant. John the Baptist has this unique role that came once in history. Does Jesus Christ use His authority to force John the Baptist into baptizing Him? No. Jesus Christ seeks water baptism through a gentle conversation with John the Baptist. John the Baptist agrees to water baptize Jesus Christ. This shows water baptism will be important later on with the Apostles and Christians. Christians should

seek water baptism after the subsistence of the Holy Spirit cleanses the soul. The outward act of water baptism reveals God works in saving sinful humans from their sin.

Jesus Christ goes fully under the water to cover His body then comes back up out of the water. The subsistences of the Father and Holy Spirit are present. Light from the sky comes on Jesus Christ to bring attention on Him. The Holy Spirit is descending from heaven. The one undivided God has His three subsistences present and active. The Father from heaven speaks saying this is my loved son whom I am well pleased. Jesus Christ is on earth having the Father's witness from heaven. The Holy Spirit is present descending on Jesus Christ. The three subsistences testify that the true messiah is here to take sin away in humans from tribes, nations, and groups. The world will be saved through God saving many humans in various places throughout history. God's mercy and goodness found in salvation is prepared through God being present in the three divine subsistences. Jesus Christ will soon enter public ministry. The Holy Spirit will lead Jesus Christ in the wilderness to be tempted by Satan.

Matthew 4:

Day 1:

Verses 1-11:

Please see Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13 for the same account.

Jesus Christ goes to fast for forty days and nights by Himself after John the Baptist baptized Him. This fast requires to go without food that follows the pattern of Moses and Elijah. Both Moses and Elijah had forty day periods too. Please see Exodus 34:27-28 and 1 Kings 19:1-8. Moses and Elijah spoke new words of God to the nation of Israel that look forwards to salvation. Jesus Christ is following a pattern that indicates God will do something special. Christ Jesus will accomplish a better covenant based on His merit for many humans.

Adam failed at the covenant of works. See Genesis 2 for the covenant between God and Adam with rewards and consequences. A covenant is agreement with rewards and consequences. The covenant of works is Adam obtaining life from his obedience in the garden by not eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He failed to bring sin and death into the world. Sin is deep rebellion in the soul. All humans from birth are in the kingdom of darkness following evil from within and Satan from without. Jesus Christ will exceed the unstable Adam to bring life to many humans. God will welcome

these humans into His kingdom of light. Christ's covenant is between the subsistences in God to cleanse many humans of sin. The three subsistences have life and existence in God without creating division and separation. They are the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. God just is being one with the three subsistences. This covenant in God has all three subsistences equal without any threats or consequences. All three subsistences will be active through the one will of God to accomplish salvation in relating to each other and completing actions in the world. Christ's better covenant will be based on God's mercy through Himself taking sin away to give perfection and forgiveness.

Satan is coming to tempt the Lord Jesus Christ who is weak according to His human nature. Jesus Christ has had nothing to eat for forty days and nights. This section of the Bible should not be read as a list or a formula to defeat the temptations of Satan. Ephesians 6:13-20 is the better place to learn about how to stay away from temptation. God shows resting and trusting in His words alone within the covenant of grace is enough to rule over temptation. All Christians are in God's grace through the three subsistences accomplishing salvation that will save many humans from sin.

The first temptation has Satan asking Jesus Christ to make bread from stone. The nature of temptation is to question did God really say. This goes back to the garden in Genesis 3 with Adam and Eve. Deuteronomy 8:3 is quoted by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ responds with God's creation lives on God's kindness in providing food. God's decrees that food will be provided. Bread is not enough. The words of the Bible are there to nourish the soul of humans. Nourishment of the soul is more important than having food to survive. A belly may be full while the soul is doomed to hell under God's justice. The nature of this temptation is to have Jesus Christ seek food over God's word. God's word informs about the unique purpose of Jesus Christ coming to die that will accomplish salvation.

Satan tempts Jesus Christ to jump from the high point of the temple to be rescued by God to avoid death. The devil quotes Psalms 91:11-12 to have Jesus respond with Deuteronomy 6:16. Christ's second temptation would have Him jump off to have God rescue him from falling on stone. This would mean Christ is trying to kill Himself where God would have to stop Him. It is not the right place and time for Christ to die to accomplish salvation. Salvation will not come if Christ follows Satan's temptation. Christ responds that God should not be put to the test with sin and temptation. Jesus Christ for His time on earth is a servant of God where He follows the covenant of the three subsistences. Christ will not go against this covenant to test God. Jesus Christ reminds Satan not to tempt God but learn and follow God's words.

The last temptation of Satan is to give Jesus Christ the kingdoms of the world. Christ as God owns the kingdoms already. Many earthly kingdoms have accomplished great things earning much glory to their kingdom's name. Satan wants Jesus Christ to leave God's plan of salvation to seek earthly kingdoms and all their accomplishments. This is to make an idol. An idol is something greater that replaces God and His word. Satan wants Jesus Christ to gain earthly kingdoms over accomplishing salvation. Does Jesus Christ give into this false worship? No. Jesus Christ replies with Deuteronomy 6:13 and Deuteronomy 10:20. Christ is fully God without limitation and fully human without sin. Christ according to His divine nature commands Satan to stop the temptation and leave now. Christians are not God to command Satan. Satan is reminded to worship and serve God through knowing and following God's word. Why? Satan's temptation requires the seeking of many earthly kingdoms and their accomplishments over following God. The angels come and attend to the weak Christ after Satan is gone. It has been forty days and nights since Christ ate. Jesus Christ is weak according to His humanity.

This is not a formula to defeat temptation for Christians. The temptations are designed to prevent the accomplishment of salvation through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ as God corrects Satan. Christ commands Satan to go. Only God has such authority. No Christian has the power or the authority like Jesus Christ has. Christians need to rest on God's word to learn it then follow it. God's grace as strength is there to uphold the Bible. Temptations will come and go while Christians follow the Bible using God's strength to uphold it. There are other passages like Ephesians 6:13-20 that show how Christians avoid following temptation.

Day 2:

Verses 12-25:

Please see Mark 1:14-15, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 4:14-15, Luke 5:1-11, John 4:1-3, and John 4:43-45 for the same account.

John the Baptist is taken into custody after Christ's water baptism. Jesus Christ enters the region of Galilee to settle in Capernaum. This is by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. Isaiah 9:1-2 reveals Jesus Christ would do this. Why is Christ in this region? Christ is in this region to teach and preach that Israel should turn away from sin. Adam cursed all his family to be in sin from birth. All the Jews are in sin with many worse offences than Adam. This nation needs to have faith in Christ to receive God's mercy and salvation. Why? It is not enough to be born into the right family to receive covenantal rights. Covenantal rights are benefits that God gives through a divine

agreement between Himself and humans. Faith is the entry point to receive God's benefits. This faith is brought about by God. No human will know salvation unless there is a teacher sent to teach. Christ is sent to teach to Israel. Israel heard the message first because of the national covenant that was made between God and Israel. Christ will use Israel as the place to spread the Gospel hope away from sin that will spread through the Roman Empire. Jesus Christ starts with simple teaching carrying on from what John the Baptist started.

Christ time on earth will be limited to ascend back to heaven to rule over everything again. The angels have a higher position when Christ was on earth. This does not mean God suffered any change or somehow Christ is less God compared to the other two subsistences. May this never be. Christ for a time is a sinless human meant to suffer on the cross. This will lead Christ appeasing God's justice for many humans who sin. Remember Jesus Christ is fully God without any limitation and fully human without sin. Christ for a limited time is in a low state to complete the promise of Genesis 3. There is a skull crushing saviour coming who is Jesus Christ. Christ will need disciples to be taught by Him and continue the work He starts. These disciples will become the Apostles that will lead the first Christians and write most of the 27 books of the New Testament. This will take place after Christ's return to heaven. Peter and His brother Andrew are called first to follow after Christ. These brothers caught fish to earn a living. Christ promises Peter and Andrew that He will make them be able to draw many humans dead in sin to salvation. James and his brother John are also called by Christ too. Notice it is not humans willing to come to Christ to be a disciple. It is God calling to draw humans to Himself for a specific reason. God will use sinful humans through salvation to lead more sinful humans into salvation.

Adam introduced sin and death into the world in Genesis 3. Sin leads to illnesses throughout the world. Jesus Christ taught that a better covenant is coming because God's kingdom is coming. Signs and wonders cause the nation of Israel and others to come to Jesus Christ where Christ would teach them throughout His public ministry. Christ performed signs and wonders only God could do to witness about His unique authority. Many who were ill with various conditions and who had demons in them came to Christ Jesus to be cured. Many will come to be healed. The signs and wonders brought many to hear Christ's teaching. The some out of the many will come for salvation from Christ's teaching. God will soften and open sinful hearts of some to receive God's kingdom through a better covenant.

Matthew 5:

Day 1:

Verses 1-12:

Many from the nation of Israel came out to be healed of different conditions. What does the Lord Jesus Christ do? Jesus Christ will begin to teach the Jewish people that a better covenant is coming. All humans after Adam live under the curse of the Covenant of Works. No human is good according to God's standard to seek after Him because of the deep rebellion in soul that is passed through generations of humans coming from Adam. A covenant is an agreement with rewards and consequences. God made a national covenant with the nation of Israel. The nation of Israel and God have a covenant that points to Jesus Christ. Why does this national covenant point to Jesus Christ? This national covenant fails to obtain freedom from the curse of the covenant of works for Adam's children. Christ will begin to explain the covenant of grace. This is where God is merciful based on His ability to keep a covenant for many sinful humans throughout history. God will save and keep many of Adam's children from sin.

Blessed who recognize their sin that needs Jesus Christ alone. The national covenant between God and Israel made many Jews think they are superior to the rest of sinful humans. The Jews thought that non-Jews were worse than them. The same issue of superiority can affect children of Christians who think they are Christians for many reasons without being born again in the soul. Children of Christians think they are better because there is connection to God through their parents. This is spiritual arrogance. All humans need to be humble realizing their sin leads to God's eternal judgment in Hell forever. This is a place of great suffering that will never end or destroy. The spiritually humble see they need to be born again through the Holy Spirit washing their deep rebellion in the soul away.

Blessed who mourn over their deep rebellion in the soul needing the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will not forget His people throughout history who need Him for salvation. There is no other way to obtain salvation. Sin brings mourning while salvation brings comfort from the one and only true God. All those who have deep sorrow that leads to salvation will have God's comfort through salvation alone. God will comfort His people saving them from sin. Christians will continue mourning over remaining tendencies of sin in them after salvation that is throughout life. God will still be there to comfort His people who struggle with remaining sinful tendencies throughout life. To rest and trust in Jesus Christ alone is the foundation for any comfort from sin.

Blessed who are humble and meek before God. No human is good according to God's standards that requires sinful humans to be inferior to God. Salvation brings this humility to recognize how inferior sinful humans are to God. Christians after salvation come to learn how to treat God with respect and reverence. Why should God be treated well? The second subsistence Jesus Christ of the Trinity suffered much to appease God's justice. Jesus Christ died as a sinless human according to His human nature on the cross. Christ being God without any limitation is able to appease His own justice for many sinful humans throughout history. Christians owe a debt to God that cannot be repaid. Lives of Christians conform to what God reveals in the Bible. This should lead to a meek and humble approach when worshipping God in thought, speech, and action.

Blessed who seek after God and His words found in the sixty six Books of the Bible alone. No human outside of salvation will seek after God left to their own ability. God must open the souls of sinful humans to enable them to seek Himself. Christians should seek after what is right defined by the Bible to be satisfied away from sin. This is not about emotions or seeking pleasure. This often requires more mourning over sinful tendencies left after salvation to be turned away from. Repentance should lead to seeking after God's word more. The souls of Christians should be satisfied from God through the Bible alone because of instruction it contains.

Blessed who are merciful. God is merciful to many humans who were in sin. There is no requirement or force that makes God to be merciful besides His own decree to be merciful towards sinful humans. All Christians only have salvation because of God's mercy alone. Christians become a people who are merciful towards sinful humans and other Christians. There will be forgiveness and mercy towards other humans realizing that sin is powerful. This does not mean sin will be tolerated or allowed to have excuses. Sinful humans will be encouraged to come to the saviour Jesus Christ to be freed of sin. Christians will be encouraged to turn away from sinful tendencies to follow God's instruction. Christians will forgive easily and show mercy like how God shows them mercy.

Blessed who lack deep rebellion against God in the soul. God being merciful leads to many humans to be cleansed of sin, to appease His own justice against sin, and humans following God's word with a pure soul. This is an act of God alone. Sinful humans turning into Christians will repent confessing Christ as lord over them and the only saviour to be freed of sin. Will Christians be able to see and meet with God? Yes. Christians can meet with God after salvation and in the recreated earth. This is indeed a gift from God alone.

Blessed who are peacemakers. Peacemakers are humans who explain the way to salvation to avoid God's eternal justice. Who is to share on the earth Christ's mercy seasoned with grace and mercy? Christians are to speak the ideas contained within the Bible to sinful humans. This is done with boldness to reveal the truth through a gracious way. This is to follow the commission given to all Christians throughout the ages in Matthew 28:16-20 by Jesus Christ. This shows true Christians from sinful humans. Why does this separate Christians and sinful humans? One group follows the commands of Christ in saving grace while the other group follows rebellion against God. The group who follows Jesus Christ's words are children of God.

Bless who are persecuted for following Christ's words. Christians are to follow all of the Bible that comes from mourning over sin that leads to salvation. Passages from the national covenant with Israel take on a different role because that covenant has been replaced with a better gracious covenant. Christians do not follow commands like animal sacrifices because they point to Jesus Christ to suffer and die. Books like Colossians and Hebrews provide such insight. God's people follow the Bible that will lead them to suffer from sinful humans. The kingdom of God is theirs in the recreated earth and heavens.

Christians are blessed when they are persecuted for following the light. This does not mean to suffer when receiving just consequences for wrong doing or breaking a lawful law from an authority. To suffer means following what God commands from His word alone. Sinful humans will attack God's people because of Christ's witness through His people. Christ is unlawfully murdered by sinful humans. Sinful humans will attack Christians through thought, speech, and action like they did Jesus Christ. Christians should rejoice in being marked out by the sinful world like many men who foretold Christ's coming to earth to be the final sacrifice for sin. The reward will be great in heaven through salvation alone for God's people.

Day 2:

Verses 13-20:

Blessed are those who rest and trust in Jesus Christ for mercy through His salvation. Sin is gone with all its consequences that leads to God's Justice. Christians from Genesis on are saved from meeting God's justice that leads to eternal Hell. Hell should make all humans uncomfortable because all humans are guilty before God from rebellion in the soul. Adam leads the human race while Christ redeems many of the human race.

Redeem means to buy back. Christ pays for sin and all its consequences for His people throughout history. This leads to many humans who have peace and mercy from God.

Christians are made up of Jews and non-Jews together are the light of the world after Christ returned to where God dwells. The Jews of Christ day were suppose to be the light of the world. Many of the Jews attacked the Lord Jesus Christ throughout His life that leads to His death. These Jews lack God's light. Jews had a national covenant where all Jews had rights and responsibilities before God. Please see the Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy for further insight. Many Jews followed Adam's curse of spiritual rebellion and some worshipped the Lord Jesus Christ within this national covenant. This will change with a better agreement between God and many redeemed humans from sin. The better covenant applies from Genesis on. God's true spiritual people will be the light on the earth that testifies about God's mercies. This light should not be hidden. It would be irrational and stupid to light a lamp to hide it under something. God's true spiritual people from various tribes and nations form a spiritual nation. This spiritual nation follows God's word through Christ's salvation to show the non-believing world true light and goodness. This will require good thoughts, speech, and actions from Christians. All the Bible is there to provide instruction of what the light is to be followed by Christians.

Does Christ's come to remove and abolish any laws from the national agreement between God and Israel? No. Every covenant after Adam between God and humans has temporary law and moral law that do not change. These types of law are often intermixed. The moral standard is implemented through a temporary law. Exodus 20 is the best summary for God's moral standard that apply to all humans throughout history mixed with temporal elements. Moral law shows what sin is that leads to salvation, guides Christians into greater purity away from sin, and should govern all humans in morality. This moral standard is seen before and after Exodus 20. Christ does not come to abolish moral law. Romans 3:31 repeats this same idea that the moral law is not nullified but established. Christians have the duty towards God to follow the moral law that is seen throughout the Bible. What about temporary law found in previous covenants? These laws fall away in the sense of they are commands that are not to be followed anymore. Temporary law end when covenants end because any temporary law is attached to a specific covenant. Noah building a boat is a temporary law that ends because the covenant purpose is fulfilled. Any temporary law takes on a different role that points and explains Jesus Christ more. All the Bible is about Christ. There is nothing that will fall away from the national covenant between God and Israel. God uses former covenants that point to something better. The national covenant explains Christ and His salvation for His spiritual nation.

What happens when Christians deny the continuing guidance of the moral law and reject seeing Christ in temporary law? Christians will either have confusion over moral standards or have no moral standards that applies to all humans throughout history. Each Christian will follow what they think is right and true. Parts of the Bible will have no use besides learning useless information. These Christians will be the poorest and least in God's kingdom. Christ saves many from sin to provide instruction from Genesis to Revelation. To limit Christ's instructions through the Bible and Holy Spirit means to limit what is useful for teaching that leads to being the light of the world. Christians who lack instruction from God will create teachings that God never said or meant. Why create instruction? Situations will come up that requires teaching from God. Christians have limited what God has said and meant. Therefore Christians will create ideas to meet a need or situation. This is what the religious leaders did in Christ's day. The Christian character and piety from the soul towards God needs to be greater than abolishing parts of the Bible and creating new sinful ideas. False Christians who do this will not enter God's kingdom because they worship themselves and rebellion against God. True Christians do not abolish previous covenants and create teachings God never meant. Christians may have a weakness in understanding moral law and temporary law. God knows the struggles of His people. All Christians need to receive the Bible where Christ is there head. Christ will lead His people throughout all of the Bible.

Day 3:

Verses 21-32:

God wrote in His moral law that applies to all humans throughout history. The Jews viewed sin against God and other humans through speech or action only. There was no insight that the soul containing thoughts, emotions, motivations, and memories are corrupted by sin. This does not mean humans are as rebellious as all could be. God restrains sin through directly preventing sin and uses indirect ways to prevent sin in rebelling humans. Who causes evil in the world? Any creation of God who is tainted by sin. This would include all humans from birth, fallen Angels including Satan, and possible other creatures that God has not revealed in the Bible. Why is this distinction important? Humans should blame themselves pointing back to Adam why there is evil in the world. Adam during a time of testing and probation in the Garden of Eden had the opportunity to keep evil out of the world. Did Adam have a special relationship with God where He was the representative for all humans? Yes. The Book of Romans with Genesis 1-3 and 1 Corinthians 15 addresses this subject. All humans in Adam's family that Adam corrupts with rebellion needs the Lord Jesus Christ. No human needs Jesus

Christ to be forgiven of sin if not a part of Adam's family or there is no corruption of coming from Adam. The Jews of Christ's day were not taught this. Jesus Christ explains sin starts in the soul.

The moral law explains that humans should not take the unlawful life of themselves or others. Only the government has such rights to punish criminals. God sees life as valuable and warns physical death will bring His judgment on sinful humans throughout His Bible. It is best to live long enough to receive God's mercy through the hearing and responding to the Bible being taught. God brings about faith and grace as a gift to make humans to respond to the Bible's message of hope. Come to Christ now for the free forgiveness of sin if not already.

Anger can lead to injury, murder, or using the mouth to slander another human. Humans will murder each other from anger. Please look at Genesis chapters 4 through 5. The earthly justice system if upright upholding justice will punish criminals for taking another human's life. Christ points out this starts in the soul of humans. This sin is already committed in the human soul. God sees the sin in the heart as unlawful murder and anger through the tongue. This will lead humans into God's holy court with a guilty verdict. All humans condemned as guilty will be sent to Hell. Hell has an eternal fire. This eternal fire never goes out nor does it destroy. Hell's fire is not an earthly fire that destroys or ends. The fire in hell is something more that incorporates God's justice beyond being earthly fire. God's judgment will be on many humans through fire in Hell. Please see Mark 9:38-50 with Revelation 14:11 for further information. The good news is Jesus is there to bring many humans into God's kingdom where He takes this just consequence that these humans deserve.

Christ goes on to remind the Jews to deal with offences. The Jews would go to the alter knowing another Jew had offences against them. Any offences should be addressed right away. This same principle applies to all Christians too. Christians should resolve offences when they are offended or aware of an offence. Offences start off with anger that leads to many sins. All Christians need to be quick to listen or speak about offences that should be resolved with forgiveness. Offences need to be connected to the moral law. Why does there need to be a connection? The moral law through commands five through ten addresses human relationships. Offences need to be filtered through moral law to see if a sin was committed. This is to avoid offences that are preferences or where Christians need to mature to be at peace with each other. This includes Christians who need to learn not to be opinionated and always ready to fight for their opinions. Humans who are born in the soul again through Christ's salvation need to learn to listen easily, know what sins as offences are, and learn to be peaceable with each other. There is a

balance between addressing sin and living in peace with each other. Offences that recur often or scandalous sins that are public need to be addressed within the local church. It is often better to forgive to be in peace with each other instead of always being offended.

Christ gives instruction to settle legal issues quickly. This is to avoid jail time or harsher consequences from an earthly judge. Legal issues between Christians should be settle quickly and through wisdom that avoids Christians suing through lawsuits towards each other. The Bible in 1 Corinthians 6 commands Christians not to get into lawsuits against each other. What if Christians are caught committing a crime? Other Christians should report other Christians who commit the crime. Crimes, like the injuring and abusing of children, that are common in our day among local churches need to be reported by male elders or other Christians who are aware of the crime. Christians have two duties. The first duty is to settle legal issues to avoid lawsuits quickly that avoids being in the earthly courts against each other. To report crimes to the authorities is the Christian's second duty.

God created physical intimacy and pleasure between male and female for marriage. Christian males and females are commanded to join together as one husband and one wife to be committed to each other for life. The Bible never says how to become married. There is flexibility with wisdom the local church should use to signify Christians joining together to be one. Christians in most cases should not be getting together to say they are married. There needs to be the difference between being committed to each other and fornication. Fornication is the idea of seeking intimacy from another human whether being married or not being married. Christian marriages should end when one of the Christians dies before the other. Then Christians are free to remarry because there spouse has passed to be with God. Adultery interferes with God's designs for marriage. Adultery is the lustful reaction in thought, speech, and action of joining together with a non-spouse for intimacy and pleasure while being committed to another. Any human commits adultery when the are married and are lustful as mentioned above. This can be a physical act, thinking about being with someone else, and using the mouth to communicate such lust. To write someone lustful thoughts falls under communicating lust. Adultery often leads to other sins like lying, wanting what others have, and not honouring God through reverence by upholding His commands. This sin can end Christian marriages easily in divorce.

Christian divorce is only done through adultery or a Christian being abandon by a non-believer leaving the relationship. There is no such thing of true Christians abandoning each other for a proper reason for divorce. Please see Matthew 5:32 and 1 Corinthians 7:15. A temporary law for the nation of Israel allowed for wives to be divorced for any

reason. Jewish males caused Jewish women to commit adultery because the marriage ended for inappropriate reasons. Adultery will occur when one spouse is divorced and still has the marriage relationship according to God's standard. Christ reminds the Jewish nation and Christians will commit adultery unless the divorce is done for the reasons listed above. Remarriage is alright for adultery or abandonment that dissolves a marriage. God does not restrict remarriage under these two reasons for divorce. Struggles will come in many forms like abuse or there are safety reasons to separate for a time. Christians should seek to stay married despite the struggles like adultery with forgiveness and working through difficult issues in the marriage. Grace, as strength with God's wisdom, is there to resolve deep issues in a marriage among Christians who have a new soul brought about by God.

Anything that causes sin in Christians needs to be removed. This does not mean to cut off body parts. The source of the temptation needs to be cut off in the soul. All Christians need to learn to cut off desires and temptations that lead to any sin. This includes divorce and adultery. It is better living with simplicity where temptations are cut off. Hell is God's response if temptations and sin are not dealt with through Jesus Christ alone. God's grace is there as strength to help Christians with temptations that lead to sin.

Days 4:

Verses 33-48:

Christ continues from divorce to teach on other subjects. The Jews of Christ's day made vows by promising God in heaven, promising something on the earth like to Jerusalem, and promising by the hairs of their heads. There is nothing wrong making a vow as explained in the law that God gave through Moses to Israel. Vows were expected to be fulfilled by the person who made them. The Jews of Christ's day were making vows. Christ reminds the Jews and all humans to be honest. Let yes be yes and no be no. This impart what it means to be honest. All humans through moral law should do what they say unless prevented to do so. There will be times promises are ready to be fulfilled. Circumstances prevent fulfilling such promises. Anyone saying no should be clear without lies or have a hidden meaning. The same applies to yes. It better to be clear in speech then make vows that will never be fulfilled. James 5:12 repeats this same command for Christians because moral law is not bound to any particular covenant. There many ideas like an universal moral standard that applies to all humans, who is God and what He does, and sin that is in all human from birth.

The Jews were taught from the law coming from Moses to return wrong done to them. Any country needs to punish crimes. Sinful actions and crimes that may not be sin need to be punished. The government needs to be able to punish many different offences. Private citizens in a limited way need to protect themselves and others if needed. Christ's words are not meant to overthrow any government and private individuals ability to punish sin. Then what is going on here? Jesus Christ is creating a spiritual nation out of sinful humans where the nation of Israel needs to adopt to being a part of this spiritual people through a better and new covenant. This means learning a new way of life because this spiritual nation must live inside many physical nations on earth and throughout different times on the earth. God's people throughout the ages need to forgive easily and have selfless love towards all. This comes from the renewed soul of Christians that Christ accomplished on the cross.

God's people should be quick to forgive when insulted and physically attacked. This does not mean to create situations or intentionally putting oneself into situation for this to occur. This is foolish and immature. Life has enough struggles from being godly. God reminds His people throughout the ages to not to seek revenge and to forgive easily. Sinful humans do not understand or perceive there rebellion that they do against God and God's people. All of God's people were the same before God brought salvation to all through the subsistence of the Holy Spirit. Christ goes beyond denying revenge. Christians when asked to do a task should go beyond what is asked if possible. This flows out of a love that sacrifices without requirements and terms attached. Christians when possible should give if possible. This may help in legal situations like being sued when someone wants something from Christians. Christians should go beyond what is required by an authority or a greater force like walking two miles when required to walk one mile. There will be needs around Christians where someone needs to be borrow money. Christians if able should give freely to help there neighbour. All these examples require love from Christians towards other humans around them. Wisdom is required for all these teachings. Someone should starve if he or she refuses to work. There is no borrowing. Christians should be wise what to give up when there is no legal reason for being sued. Christ's teaching needs to be balanced with the rest of the Bible.

Jesus Christ goes even further. Do not return hate with hate but with selfless love. Non-believers will persecute Christians because of following godliness that the Bible commands. Persecution comes in different forms like mentioned above. Christians by God working in the soul should have a love that leads to selfless actions. God is there with His people to care for them and to punish sin. To pray that God will be merciful in providing salvation or punish persecutors should be on the lips of Christians. The Book of Psalms provides a guide for such prayers. This selfless and self-sacrificing love shows

God's people belong within God's spiritual nation because of the changed soul from Christ's salvation. Christ saves alone that leads to a pure life. God is merciful to sent the sun on both His people and sinful humans. Christians should show holy fruit while God is being merciful. This should lead to conversation through words that points sinful humans to there need of Christ's mercies through salvation. This is the way of peace and being a peace maker. Sinful humans love with the idea that they get something in return and are selective who they love. God's people love everyone through Christ's salvation in the soul. This is how to be perfect like how God is perfect.

Matthew 6:

Day 1:

Verses 1-15:

Christ continues from being blessed from Adam's curse because freedom from bondage of sin is here in the God human Jesus Christ. Christians learn how to live in God's spiritual kingdom in many ways. Now Christ is starting to teach through warnings about spiritual activities like giving and prayer are not done like non-believers. The Jews of Christ's day sought attention from other humans for spiritual activities. Will God reward attention seeking through spiritual activities? No. God will not reward such spiritual activities. It is not enough to complete the tasks. There needs to be the right attributes in the soul for God to accept spiritual activities.

Many Jews gave to the poor. What did these Jews do? They made it known how much they gave to the poor like a loud sound in the Jewish Synagogue and on the streets in town. The synagogue is a place to meet for spiritual activities. The poor have been fed and other needs provided for. This is good. God in this sense used boasting sin to provide for Christians and non-believers. Christians should not be afraid of provision from sinful sources because God has directed this provision towards His people. God controls everything. This includes using sin to provide for His people. Any source of rebellion against God is from one of God's creations. God does not tempt or force any creature to sin. Sinful creations like fallen angels and humans just sin without God's restraint.

The Christian goal in life is to serve God out of gratitude that is content with salvation. Anything extra like rewards in heaven is an additional mercy from God. How do Christians give to the poor without boasting and losing any reward from God? Christians give to the needs of the poor when able through giving without bringing attention to

themselves. This means give to the poor among Christians and non-believers when able. Christ continues with to give in secret. In secret means Christians are using what God has given to give to others. Christians see what they can give after taking care of there families and giving to there place of worship. Places of worship with male elders and male deacons can suggests we collect resources from among us to give to the poor. Christians either way should give when able without bringing attention to themselves.

Christ continues on with prayer. The Jews sought attention with long prayers in the Jewish synagogue and in the streets. Non-Jews used repetitive prayers thinking God will hear them better. A repetitive prayer is repeating the same ideas each time during prayer or repeat the same words for a long time. God is not please with either. Christians need to be careful with public prayers that bring them attention and using repetitive prayers. God again reminds His people to pray in a way where God hears and knows the concerns of His people. This is not a command to pray in a closet or hidden place. There are times to pray with other Christians like in the prayer meeting. Christ's idea is to pray in a way either in public or private where God is given respect and reverence through thoughtful prayers. This requires knowing the teaching in the Bible, reflect on the teaching in the Bible, and applying the teaching in the Bible for thoughtful prayers.

Christians need to learn to pray to God who is in heaven. The one being of God that has three subsistences. The Father, the son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are real having existence in God. There is no division in God because God is simple, one, and unchanging. Any prayers from Christians is done with great respect and healthy fear to the heavenly father. This means Christians respect God and are concerned about what God cares about. The Bible reveals such concerns. This includes God's mercy in many ways and His discipline to curve sin in Christians. Christians should pray God's kingdom comes on earth through the proclamation of Christ's salvation through gracious words. This is God's will in heaven. In heaven there is no rebellion against God. Rebellion is on the earth. Christians need to learn to stay away from sin. This requires God's discipline in Christians to be faithful witnesses of Christ's salvation through thought, speech, and action. Where is God's will done on earth? God's will is done through Christians and what God does on the earth. Christians need to pray with boldness that God will prepare them for service and do what He wills. The Bible reveals God's commands to be followed. God's commands are His will for Christians. This will lead Christians into daily needs. God is able to provide for the animals and plants. Christians will have provision from God in some form. This means praying for wisdom in how to spend money to meet daily needs or make more income. There will be situations where God will have to act through natural ways or supernatural ways to provide for His people. Christians should pray often for help with my own or my family

daily needs. What else are daily needs? Forgiveness of sin from God and deliverance from sin. Christians need to pray daily that God will forgive their sins. This should lead Christians asking for God's assistance to stay away from sin. Do Christians need to ask God to teach them to forgive others? Yes. This goes back to the previous chapter where Christians need to live in a forgiving way when insulted or persecuted. God will assist Christians to develop this attribute in the soul. Temptations for Christians will come from themselves, other humans, and Satan. Satan may include other fallen angels too. Christians should pray that God will lead them away from sources of temptation. How should prayer end? Prayer should end with recognizing God's kingdom is His alone along with praising His power and His reputation.

Christ ends this section with the attribute of forgiveness. God forgives freely. Christians should forgive freely too or show they lack salvation. Many attributes should be in Christians because of God bringing salvation. Forgiveness is one of them. A sign of having salvation is the ability to forgive like God forgives sin.

Day 2:

Verses 16-24

God freely forgives sin in many humans only because Jesus Christ shares holy merit from the cross. To have a new soul cleansed of sin is by the Holy Spirit applying Christ's work on the cross that in the sinful human soul. Sinful humans should repent once to receive Christ's holy merit to be seen sinless and have a remade soul. Salvation is not an ongoing process where humans keep being cleansed from sin and keep receiving more saving grace. There are great joys in life for all Christians from knowing their sins are freely forgiven forever by God alone.

Christ continues with the abuse of spiritual activities. To fast as in going without food, water, and other pleasures like oil was common for the Jews. Oil would help the skin during dry seasons of the year. Lotion or a moisturizing cream would be a modern day form of oil. Many Jews would go without food, water, and oil to help dry skin. These Jews would appear to be fasting that brought attention to themselves. Some would have gloomy faces or dry skin to make it known they were fasting. God will not reward such abuses of a good practice.

To fast for Christians is never abolished by God after Christ's death that brings a better covenant. A covenant between God and humans is God commanding humans through an agreement. This agreement has God as king who commands and humans as servants

who follow commands. There are rewards for obedience and consequences for disobedience. To fast for spiritual reasons is good at the right time that does not bring attention to oneself. This means to attempt to look well while lacking food. What should happen during a fast for spiritual purposes? There should be reflection on God's moral law best summarized in Exodus 20. Exodus 20 contains a moral standard seen throughout the Bible that starts in Genesis 2. This moral standard will reveal where sin is present in Christians. These sins are idols to repent of. An idol is a physical object or non-physical object that replaces God for worship. To follow an idol and rebel against God means to have earthly treasures that will not survive death. Many idols can easily be taken away without any warning. It is foolish to seek treasure that will not last when there is better treasure to seek.

All humans worship as in treasure, desire, give importance to, and follow something. The bodies or members of Christians still have remaining effects of sin. There should still be self-reflection and healthy despair that directs all Christians back to Christ's salvation. What is this healthy despair? Revealed idols in Christians that need to be dealt with. An idol is a physical object or non-physical object that replaces God for worship. This is a form of earthly wealth or riches that take Christians away from their God. The despair is seeing remaining effects of sin. Christ's salvation provides hope that there is forgiveness away from the despair of sin. Christians should worship God through following what He commands in the Bible alone. This section of Christ's teaching should reveal idols in Christians after self-reflection with or without fasting.

Anything not conforming to this moral standard found in Exodus 20 needs to be turned away from. Christians need to turn away from idols to focus on the greater good that God provides. Holiness means to put away idols to follow God's word. This needs to be the desire of all Christians. This is where true everlasting treasure is found. Grace is there as strength to follow all of what God commands. Christians should use grace as strength that comes from God when He brings salvation into the sinful human soul. Christ warns that light or darkness will be sought by Christians. Idols or holiness will lead Christians. The leading of idols or holiness will determine everything in life to lead some areas in life. Any desires of the soul will lighten Christians more or darken Christians more. Either Christians will follow sin through idols or holiness through following the Bible. No human can follow sinful riches from idols called mammon and God at the same time.

All Christians should know that Christ keeps all His people safe from God's eternal judgment. No Christian needs to worry about losing their salvation because of a struggle with an idol. Christians should be concerned with God's discipline. The local church is

the primary place for God's discipline for Christians who are accountable to her. God's discipline may mean for a time an idol will rule and ruin many things. There are times when God will confront the idol after there has been enough time to repent and asking for God's assistance in prayer. The Bible when properly taught or memorized has a way to reveal sin and confront it. Christians in an unrepentant state should expect their souls to have discomfort until there is the turning away from idols. All Christians struggle with idols in some form. God is merciful to forgive and assists His people.

Day 3:

Verses 25-34:

The Jews of Christ's day abused spiritual activities through prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor. These Jews will receive their just rewards from humans who praise and give rewards. Jews living after Christ should not be mistreated for the sins of Jews abusing spiritual activities. All humans including the Jews need Jesus Christ's salvation from Adam's curse of rebellion deep in the soul. Christians should seek to treat everyone well to proclaim Christ's words through gracious words. To treat everyone well means to treat everyone in how God commands. This includes making righteous judgments that point out rebellion against God.

Christians are to serve God well through following what God commands in the Bible. What about concerns or worries from anxiety? Christians will have anxiety that leads to worry and doubt over daily needs. Daily needs will look different between Christians. Christ out of mercy reminds Christians who are born again in the soul to remember God is there. To be born again in the soul means to have Adam's curse of sin removed through Jesus Christ cleansing it away. Adam's curse leads to be under God's eternal justice. God is required to clear His legal sentence of guilty because of Adam passing sin to his family. Christ through His cross cleanses sin away and removes God's eternal justice when God shows mercy through salvation. This is for many humans. A Christian is a sinful human born again. To be born in a home with believing parents does not make any human a Christian or a part of the church. This is the same error that many Jews had during Christ's time on earth because of being a part of Abraham's family. God must out of mercy cleanse the soul of sin to be brought into His divine care and be brought into the universal church. The church is God's chosen people throughout history and around the world. Humans with a cleansed soul love God instead of Adam's curse through understanding His word to follow it. Christians have God's care and provision through Jesus Christ alone. God will not forget His people.

God provides for the birds and the grass that have less worth than Christians. Christians include Jews and non-Jews together in one spiritual people throughout history. All Christians have value and worth in a special way. This value only comes from Jesus Christ cleansing the rebelling soul. God will provide for His spiritual people who are a part of His kingdom. Daily needs will be met through God using natural methods and supernatural methods for His people. God cannot change because He simple, one, and unchanging. For God to change means God will become complex in different states, transforming into different states showing more than one state, and having a changing nature. Any promises can be voided if God is complex, has parts, and changes. How can a promise be voided? God changes what salvation is and any promises in salvation. The promise of provision can never change because God is simple, one, and unchanging. Daily needs should not be confused with daily wants. Humans want many things thinking it is needed. This includes Christians. God will provide enough for His people to have daily needs met. This will be enough to follow what God commands.

Christians are reminded and commanded to follow God's word. This means to follow what God commands through moral law and positive law. Moral law is the universal standard found in the Ten Commandments that all humans should follow. Positive law are commands given by God that are unique and provided in a covenant that are temporary. The commands lose authority to be followed if and when a covenant ends. A covenant between God and humans is an agreement with rewards for obedience and consequences for disobedience. Christians through covenant keep moral law and positive law. Daily needs will be met through God working through natural methods and supernatural methods. Christians should pray for daily needs as seen earlier when Christ taught how to pray. Does Christians worrying help them? No. It takes away from life. God reminds Christians not to worry because He is there through covenant providing for His people. Christians should seek following God's written commands while God provides for His people. To serve God and daily living will bring its own troubles. Christians should focus on what God commands and live daily. This does not exclude planning for the future. The souls of Christians should focus on today with wise future planning. God will provide.

Matthew 7:

Day 1:

Verses 1-6: Judging others

Christ's teaching continues from the spiritual abuses committed by the Jews of His day. Many of the Jews judged in a way that brought them attention and rewards. There was no looking at the sin against God in the soul of humans. This passage is simple. Judge others in a better way that mimics how God judges. God's moral law is the foundation to judge sin that should lead to repentance. Moral law is God's universal standard that reveals rebellion and obedience in humans. Exodus 20 provides a good summary of moral law. There should be a turning away from sin that leads to greater light in Christians because moral law reveals what is right. Wisdom requires to make a judgment. Christians have to make judgments in life. Please see 1 Corinthians 2:13-15. Christians have to judge through what God commands and to use wisdom throughout life.

What is an unwise and sinful judgment from this passage? All humans including Christians will sin against their Lord Jesus Christ. Sin will cause a blind area or spot that will blind the true nature of rebellion against God. No human can judge in this state. Why is it an improper judgment? A human is judging another human when committing the same type of rebellion. This is called being a hypocrite. A hypocrite is someone who says one thing then commit the same condemned action through deception. Christians need to pray often for God to reveal sin that needs repenting. No Christian can say this is wrong then do the same sin. God calls His people into greater light where all follow what He commands in the written, examinable, and definable Bible. The Bible leads sinful humans to salvation together with the subsistence of the Holy Spirit working. The Holy Spirit is real having life in the being of God that continues His work in all Christians. All Christians have the Holy Spirit who works in them. The Holy Spirit reveals the Bible that should lead to seeing sin clearly. Christians should see their sin to turn away from it. What comes next? Christians should be able to see clear without any blind spots. This leads to a proper judgment that determines what is moral and using wisdom well. The Bible is the foundation for any judgments in spiritual matters. Spiritual situations are situations that require the Bible to guide and use wisdom.

Many non-believers and Christians only quote verse 1 ignoring surrounding passages to prevent holy judging. There is no good news of Christ when Christians cannot judge to reveal sin that requires Christ's salvation. Wisdom in life cannot be followed without discernment. This approach is an abuse of this passage. No Christian should allow this abuse to stop them proclaiming Christ's words that have judgment in them. All Christians should keep other Christians accountable. This requires the need to judge well.

There are times to give judgments and other times to withhold judgments. There is a time to not provide a judgment because it is a waste of words. This requires wisdom to know when. God will give such wisdom to Christians according to the Book of James. Christians should pray that God will provide such wisdom in all spiritual situations. Spiritual situations are situations that require the Bible to guide and use wisdom. Christians need to learn first in the Bible and use insight when to speak or be quiet.

Day 2:

Verses 7-14:

Sin has the power to blind and misjudge what sin is. All Christians need to pray that God will reveal weak areas where sin is still reigning in them. Will God deny such prayers from His people? No. Why will God answer such prayers? This kind of prayer will be answered because God wants all Christians to conform to holiness away from rebellion. Rebellion is against God first then other humans. Christians by God working in them need to reduce sin and increase following what God commands. The prayer seen in the last chapter reveals God wants His people to pray for a purer life away from sin. Christians should seek holiness from God where God will answer with yes. The word of God through reading and good teaching will reveal weak areas where sin still has authority. Subsistence means to have life and existence. Is the subsistence of the Holy Spirit working too? Yes. God through the subsistence of the Holy Spirit is working through the Bible. The subsistences of God without creating parts and division have a special relationship with each other. These relationships reveal there are three subsistences in God while God is one, simple, and unchanging. The subsistences in God are God. There is no separation in God. The Father gives sinful humans to Christ to die for, Christ accomplishes salvation for these sinful humans, and the Holy Spirit applies salvation to humans for whom Christ dies for. What else does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit points back to Christ because the Bible is about Jesus Christ. Christ points back to the Father. To have weaknesses revealed requires the triune God with subsistences and special relationships with each other to act through the Bible. To repent of sin either at the time of salvation and after salvation is a gift from God. This gift should be used often by Christians with the learning the Bible because Christians should be seeking conformity to God's word. God left a standard that can be read and studied. This type of prayer requires humility, the triune God acting through the Bible, and Christians do what God commands in His word. Grace that saves from sin is there as strength to follow what God commands.

Conformity to God's word should lead to building a life that rests and trusts in Christ's salvation. This should lead to treating all humans in how God wants humans to treat each other. Christ's teaching from previous verses explain how Christians should respond to all humans. There should be forgiveness towards other humans, willing to assist other humans, and the gracious proclamation through words of Christ's salvation. There are more attitudes that Christ spoke about in previous passages that the souls of Christians need to obtain. The Bible with the subsistence of the Holy Spirit is there to develop such attitudes in the soul. To have these attitudes in the soul flows out of salvation that God brings about by having mercy. God is not required to provide salvation or can be compelled by sinful humans. Christians follow these commands to show there love towards God and follow how God wants humans to treat each other. This summarizes the laws given through Moses.

Sinful humans should build there lives on the foundation of God's salvation instead of following Adam. To follow Adam means to follow rebellion because Adam curses the human race with sin. This is the broad way in life that leads to God's eternal justice. It is not enough to break one of God's commands to become a sinner. How is this known? Eve ate from the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil first. Nothing happened to cause Eve to become a sinner in God's sight. It is not enough to violate a command from God. Adam ate the same fruit from the same tree and sin entered both Eve and himself. Eve is infected with sin too. This shows one human has the ability and does pass on sin to others. Genesis 2 puts Adam into a covenant where He represents the human race. To be in a covenant is required. The agreement from Genesis 2 between Adam and God is never repeated in the Bible again. Adam dooms all humans into sin where all humans are on the broad path of rebellion from birth. This leads to be in eternal hell where there is great sorrow and ruin that will not destroy or cease. What is the narrow path? Christians follow Christ through salvation have obtained the narrow path. Christ saves alone from sin to have humans who follow the written, examinable, and definable Bible. Salvation in Christ is to find rest and trust in Christ's work on the cross alone for freedom from sin and to find appeasement of God's justice that avoids eternal hell. There is no need for rituals like the Lord's Table to receive ongoing infused grace daily or weekly. To rest and trust in Christ is enough to start on the narrow path. The narrow path is to be obedient to God. Grace is strength to follow what God commands.

Day 3:

Verses 15-29:

Christ's salvation leads to holy fruits that conform to what is contained within the Bible. Fruits are how someone thinks, how someone uses the mouth, and how someone uses their body. The covenant of grace secures salvation for all of God's people before Christ comes to the earth, during Christ's time on earth, and after Christ's leaving the earth. What is the Covenant of Grace? A covenant between God and humans is God providing commands to be followed. Rewards or consequences will be given for obedience or disobedience that is defined within the covenant. The covenant of grace is God establishing an agreement between Himself and sinful humans that rest upon His mercy alone. No sinful human can approach God to demand, earn, and force salvation. God has to be merciful in changing the soul of sinful humans that lead to holy fruits. What about the fruits that come from sinful humans? Thought, speech, and actions are used to rebel against God. This is one effect from the failed covenant of works where Adam failed to obtain permanent life and spread sin among the human race. Adam and Eve had children that spread sin from themselves to other humans. What happens when sinful fruits mature enough where sinful humans begin to teach other humans? Many false teachers at first will appear to come to help with light to only teach rebellion against God. Either humans follow Adam's failure or Christ in His mercy and grace. This will lead to rebellious fruits or holy fruits. Sinful souls produce rebellious fruit and purified souls in Christ produce holy fruits.

Humans will have a life that follows sin or Jesus Christ. How can the fruits be identified? The Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20 reveals the best summary of God's moral standard. Exodus 20 is intermixed with laws, rewards, and consequences meant only for the nation of Israel until a better covenant comes. The covenant of grace is the better covenant. This standard is seen from the week of creation with one day rest to the Book of Revelation. Sinful fruits will rebel against God's standard. Holy Fruit will follow what is contained within this moral standard. Christ's Grace that rescues from sin will become the strength for Christians to follow what God commands. Christians will struggle with remaining effects of sin after salvation comes in the form of temptations and following temptations for a time. All true Christians will have holy fruits that mature and make themselves known that conform to this holy moral standard. What happens when sinful humans follow Adam and stay in their sin? God through His holy and pure justice will condemn all sinful humans to hell. This is the place where sinful humans will be in great sorrow and suffering for following what they wanted. Sinful humans want sin and will follow rebellion unless God gives mercy through salvation. Christians will conform to God's moral standard while sinful humans rebel against it.

All humans will face God's justice after this earthly life. Many sinful humans will confess Christ as God and Saviour with sinful fruits. This should not be confused with

Christians who struggle with temptations that are turning away from it to follow God's moral standard. Repentance from weakness can and will take a long time. Christ is there to cover these sinful failures in His people. Any confessing Christian should be concerned when temptations are followed without repentance. Why be concerned? Christ warns that many humans will say I know Jesus Christ. What is Christ's response? He did not know these humans who confessed him. It is not enough to say I believe in Jesus or receive water baptism or anything else that gives the appearance of following Christ. God will reject many humans who claim to feed the poor or raise the dead for His kingdom because there is no true repentance that leads to salvation. The demons know God exists and will still receive God's eternal justice. Holy fruit that comes from God working in the soul points to a true and living faith. True faith from salvation leads to having holy fruits. It does not matter if sinful humans do great things for God. God takes many sinful humans and gives spiritual interest that leads to eternal salvation and holy fruit. Salvation is required to be accepted and to be known by God.

There are two foundations that any human can build their life on. It is either following Adam into sin or Christ into salvation. There is no middle way, combining the ways, and other ways in life. A wise human who has insight will build their life on Christ's salvation because it is the only way to escape Adam's curse of sin and God's just eternal response to sin. Be the wise human who seeks out Christ's salvation today because of God giving true spiritual interest that leads to salvation. Give praise to God for such spiritual interest that leads to salvation and holy fruit. The foolish human who lacks insight will follow their sin that they inherit from Adam. Adam gives the sinful nature to all humans except the Lord Jesus Christ where all humans sin abundantly without God's prevention. All humans can be described as stupid and foolish for seeking their own doom by following rebellion. God's justice will come. It came in a global flood where Noah and his family is saved from God. God is justice because He is one and simple. There are no parts or division in God. God is His own being and nature that are one and the same. Justice and grace is what God is. All humans will face God and His justice. The wise human will look towards Christ and His mercy to escape divine justice. This is foreshadowed through Noah because Noah rested in God's mercy to be rescued from the global flood. To follow sin leads to God's eternal justice in hell without end or death. Foolish humans will try to escape God and will fail because they rejected the only solution found through Jesus Christ. The crowds who listened to Christ explain these ideas were amazed. Humans now should find the statements from the last chapters amazing to take refuge in Christ or praise God for providing refuge.

Matthew 8:

Day 1:

Verses 1-13:

Please see Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16, and Luke 7:1-10 for the same account.

Jesus Christ has finished teaching to the crowds that gathered around Him. He is coming down from the mountain where a man who is a leper approaches Him. The man had a disease that affected his skin and body. The Law of Moses reveals this man has leprosy that made him ill and unable to join into the Jewish community. He would live away from others. This man could not enter the temple of God that is essential for Jews to follow the national covenant between God and Israel. This poor and sick man has no access to the Jewish community or the proper way to sacrifice to God. What is this man's first response to Christ? This sick man bowed to the ground knowing his poor and lowly state. He does not demand anything from the subsistence Jesus Christ to be healed. This man asks if Christ is willing to help his poor and lowly state. Christ says yes I will heal you. The arm of Christ extends to touch this poor man to have the illness healed and the body restored instantly. Christ commands the man to tell no one of the healing and to present an animal sacrifice to show his thankfulness in the temple according to the Law of Moses. This will be a testimony for God's work done in this man's life. Jesus Christ is not here to overthrow the covenant He made with Israel through Moses many years ago. All humans who ask God for salvation need to come in a lowly and poor state. Why be in a poor and lowly state? It is God who has mercy that causes any human to obtain salvation. Salvation cannot be demanded or forced by human ability.

Christ enters Capernaum where a Roman Centurion meets him. The Roman Empire is a non-Jewish Empire spanning many countries that rules over Israel. This Centurion is not a Jew who had access to God through any formal national covenant. All humans like this Centurion are under the failed covenant of works where there is the need for the crushing saviour Jesus Christ to remove what Adam introduced into the human race. The Centurion needs Christ's help to heal a sick servant. His poor servant is paralyzed and is fearful with much torment. Jesus Christ agrees to come and heal the Centurion's servant. The Centurion realizes he is not worthy of having Christ where he lives or his servants live. Centurions are under authority and command others. This centurion is no different. Christ is asked to heal the servant from a distance because the Centurion knows Christ is able to do so. This will be enough. Jesus Christ agrees while being delighted in the Centurion's faith in Him. What does faith mean in this context? Faith means to have the

ability to heal the sick. The servant is instantly healed according to Christ's divine nature because Jesus Christ is willing to heal as God.

God will save both Jews and non-Jews through His salvation. Why will God do this? Jesus Christ will save many humans without any distinction between countries, tribes, and groups that these humans come from. God is free to save in this way through a better covenant than the one Israel has before Christ's death and resurrection. The better covenant saves whom God has mercy from Genesis to Revelation. Mercy cannot be demanded or forced by any sinful human. Jesus Christ explains many humans from around the earth and from different times will be sitting with Abraham in God's kingdom. How are the healings related to God's salvation? Both healings go back to Adam introducing illness and death into the human race. All humans rebel against God by nature. This rebellion leads to all humans becoming ill to physically die. Sin corrupts and destroys the body. Jesus Christ is able to save sinful humans from spiritual rebellion and physically heal human bodies instantly at the right time because God is able to remove Adam's curse of sin. The creator can recreate His creation.

The Jews are warned about their lack of rest and trust in Jesus Christ. The written Law of Moses is not about Israel, having laws to rule a country, and the history of one nation. These laws for a time will govern the nation of Israel to reveal sin that should point the Jews to Jesus Christ. The Jews have some benefits through an external relationship with God through this law. It is not enough because the law points out sin only. Jesus Christ alone is needed for salvation from sin. All the Jews should be coming with trust and assurance that Jesus Christ is enough to save from sin freely without trusting in their works. The law when misused can have the Jews trying to bring merit to God from keeping the law or earn merit by trusting in their ability to keep the law. To be freed of sin means to be a part of God's spiritual kingdom instead of being born into the right nation with an external covenant that allows for rebellious humans to have some benefits. This applies to Christians who try to bring non-believers into the local church to grant some benefits. It is not enough to have external benefits like the teaching of the Bible or receive water baptism. Salvation in the soul is required. Many Jews will reject Christ and His salvation. Jesus Christ warns many Jews will meet God's justice to be condemned for eternity. Salvation in the soul is required if any human wants to enter God's kingdom forever to have true life that God brings about. God gives spiritual interest that will lead many sinful humans to eternal salvation. No human can merit God's mercy through willing, earning, and other methods of appeasing God's justice. Humans are responsible for their rebellion because all rebel with great intent and commit rebellion freely. God does not force or cause humans to sin. These Jews will be under God's justice unless they rest and trust in Christ for salvation.

Day 2:

Verses 14-27

Please see Mark 1:29-34, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 4:38-44, and Luke 8:22-26 for the same account.

Jesus Christ will continue with healing the ill. The disciples with Jesus enter Peter's home where someone is ill. Peter's mother in law is ill in bed with a fever. Christ has compassion on her because He is God the creator and lord over all humans. Jesus Christ is able to heal the corrupted human body that He created without any sinful corruption. All three subsistences of the Father, the son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in God created Adam and Eve without any sin. God one in being and nature that includes the all three subsistences. Adam's failure in the garden brought sinful corruption that leads to illness and death in the human body. Eve with Adam had children together born with the sinful nature in them all that spreads across the earth. Peter's mother in law is healed by Christ to get up to serve the guests in her home. Many humans with a demon came to be healed. A demon is a fallen angel that is causing illness of some sort in a human. This should not be understood as all illness is from a demon because the human body and soul is complex that can be injured or become ill. The demons are removed and any accompanying illness is gone. This is the fulfillment of the statement from Isaiah 53:4. There is a limitation with Isaiah 53:4. God reveals this passage is fulfilled when Christ was on the earth. How? Christ healed on the earth to fulfill this foretelling of a future event. This is not an universal promise that God will heal all Christians or non-believers through Christ's atonement for sin on the cross. Christ's atonement on the cross pays for the sin with all legal consequences gone and God's justice appeased for many humans from Genesis to Revelation. The atonement cleanses sin in many humans.

A crowd gathered around Jesus Christ and the disciples after the ill are healed. This will be a time of testing. A teacher of the law came saying I will follow you where ever you go. Christ responds with I have no home or place to rest while on this earth. Is Christ tired after healing? Christ according to His human nature is tired. Where is Christ's true home? In heaven where He came from. Christ will not find peace and rest on the earth because of the crowds coming, His public ministry, and the consistent threats from the Jews of Christ's time. Jews after the time of Christ should not be blamed or mistreated for the rebellion against God that there ancestors committed. Christ's disciples throughout all ages will find it difficult to find a home and rest on the earth. Christians true home is in God's kingdom that is the new earth purified of sin. There will be times

of physical refreshment and spiritual nourishment through various activities. Someone else came to Jesus Christ saying I will follow you after I bury someone who has died. Jesus Christ responds with let worldly distractions take care of themselves. Many tasks in life are important at the right time to complete them. This teaching is not about avoiding necessary tasks in life. To follow Christ means to avoid needless distractions that take away serving in His kingdom.

The disciples and Christ leave on a boat after Christ healing many and teaching the gathered crowd. All humans by God's design interact with the physical world through there bodies. The human body has different senses, a soul that can process information, a soul that can form and recall memories, the soul that has emotions and passions, and a body with desires. Humans are complex beings with the physical body and the non-physical soul that work together to have these functions and more. A storm arises on the water where the boat is travelling. Many of the disciples are fishers for employment before Christ's calling them to be His disciples. The disciples knew what a storm can do. The disciples begin to panic while Christ rested after healing and teaching the crowd. Christ is awoken by the disciples who are thinking and saying to Christ we will all drown because of the storm. Jesus Christ commands the weather and water to return to a calm state because God decreed the storm to come at this time to be calmed down by Christ. Christ according to His divine nature does this without any strain or restrictions. The men on the boat were amazed and wondering what kind of human can control the weather and water.

What is the spiritual point of the storm being calmed down? Jesus Christ is showing what true faith is. This event is not about Jesus Christ calming the storm because it points to something greater. A passage like this should not be read as God calming down the storms in Christians lives. All Christians should be reminded that true faith points to what God reveals about Himself and His teachings through the common faith. What is the common faith? It is the same teachings from God in the Bible for all humans. The disciples just saw Jesus Christ according to His divine nature heal and teaching with power and authority. Then the disciples returned to there knowledge of storms and become afraid. Christians do the same trusting in God's infinite power then return to a sinful and incomplete understanding for an event or an idea. This brings worry and doubt like the disciples had. All Christians need to learn to rest and trust more in what God reveals in the common faith. This may mean having the soul full of the Bible memorized and understood. There are other times to remember God has provided in the past and cannot change His simple unchanging nature. God will follow what He reveals in and through the common faith. Christians need to learn to go beyond what there bodies say to have spiritual insight in all situation that is directed and limited by the

written Bible. Why be directed and limited? Christians need God's commands and teachings to have insight to respond well to every situation. God wrote the Bible that provides God's thoughts that are limited by human language. The Bible has an examinable and definable meaning that avoids finding hidden knowledge beyond the Bible.

Day 3:

Verse 28-34:

Please see Mark 2:1-12, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39, and Luke 5:17-26.

The storm is over and the boat finds land on the other side of the sea. Jesus with His disciples enter the country of Gadarenes. There are two males who have a demon in them who were violent. The violence prevented travel around tombs in the region. Jesus Christ approaches knowing there are demons present. The demons are afraid. They ask Christ are you here to torment us before the time of the eternal prison where any creature there will be under God's justice. God's justice in Hell is not fully explained in the Bible beyond it is a place of great sorrow, ruin that will not end, and endless pain. An earthly fire does not fit this description. God uses the image of fire but modifies the fire in Mark 9 where the fire hurts and brings sorrow without being destructive or bringing death to any creature. The worm does not die. This is an eternal fire where God's justice dwells where sinful creatures will be in. Sinful creatures are in and under God's eternal justice. The demons are afraid of this torment plus more torment when Christ walked on the earth. Pigs were near by in the distance with watchers of the pigs. Animals like pigs are used to feed many and provide money to support many. The demons call upon God if they can be cast into the pigs. Animals like humans can be possessed by a demon. Jesus Christ says go. This shows Jesus Christ is higher than the angels and other creatures because He is fully God without limitation. Jesus Christ is in a lower position than the angels through being a human servant for a limited time. Christ is higher and lower than angels because of His dual nature of being God without limitation and human without sin. The demons go into the pigs and cause the pigs to drown in the sea. The keepers of the pigs report what has happened to the pigs and the demons possessed males to the city. Jesus Christ is asked to leave the region by the whole city. Some sinful humans are amazed by Christ while others are afraid of Christ. The city loses income, food, and are afraid of Christ who can control such violent demons who possessed men. Please see Luke 8:26-39 for further details. Christians need to beware of Hell and its dangers. This should lead to prayers where Christians ask God to send them with gracious words to

Speak to everyone they know about Christ's mercy away from His eternal justice. A passage like this shows the need of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28.

Matthew 9:

Day 1:

Verses 1-13:

Please see Mark 2:13-22 and Luke 5:27-39 for the same account.

Jesus Christ with the disciples return home from the country of Gadarenes to a Jewish city. A man laying on a bed who could not walk is brought to Jesus Christ to be healed. There were scribes who are experts in the laws of Moses are present in the crowd. Is there faith present that Jesus Christ can heal the sinful effects from Adam introducing death into the world? Yes. Illness in the human body is from Adam's failing the covenant of works in the Garden of Eden. Jesus Christ speaks to the sick man proclaiming that his sins are forgiven because of God's mercy towards many sinful humans who cannot merit salvation. The subsistence Jesus Christ shows His ability to forgive sin while He is on the earth. This indeed is a great encouragement from God to have Him say face to face your sins are cleansed away. Some experts of the law lacking insight into who Christ is think to themselves this mere human is speaking against God. Blaspheme in this context means to think and say things against Christ where He is slandered.

What does Jesus Christ do knowing the scribes thoughts in their souls? Jesus Christ confronts the experts of the law by asking a simple question. Is it easier to say your sins are forgiven or get up and walk? God can do both with ease where humans will struggle with both. The question is designed to reveal the sinful reactions and thoughts in the scribes who had some spiritual authority over the Jewish people. The scribes are about to see the author of laws given to Israel through Moses use His divine power. Jesus Christ continues showing His divine power from being God and God being Him to forgive sin and heal the sick man. The sick man is commanded to get up and walk showing God at least removed some of the effects from the failed Covenant of Works. Salvation could have come into this man's soul. Does this man just lay there requiring medical treatment or go through stages of attempted healings? No. This sick man gets up and walks to his home. The crowd surrounding Jesus Christ and the sick man are amazed. They wonder who is Jesus Christ where God has given such authority to forgive sin and heal effects from sin. The Jews should of known this is God yet they have spiritual blindness. Christians reading passages like this should realize they often have spiritual blindness.

God is often questioned through who is He and His divine authority. Some reasons for spiritual blindness are a struggle with sin that keeps winning, a prayer request not answered in an expected way, ongoing trials that do not end, and a poor understanding of the Bible. Christians should be quick to repent of such sins and embrace the better way revealed throughout the Bible. This will require Christians to turn away from rebellion that remains within and realize they require greater spiritual maturity.

The tax collector Matthew is called by Jesus Christ to be a disciple. How were tax collectors treated by the Jews? Poorly. Why poorly? Many tax collectors took more than the Roman Empire required. There is also friction working with the Roman Empire because many Jews want the Roman Empire gone. Tax collectors could be seen as traitors to the Jewish Nation. Does Jesus Christ care about this? No. Matthew is called and follows Christ Jesus to be a disciple. Jesus Christ with Matthew reclined at a home with others. God called Noah, Abraham, the Nation of Israel, and David to follow Him for various purposes. It is not humans seeking after God. This is the pattern that transcends all covenants besides the Covenant of Works. God with the three subsistences relating to each other will call many sinful humans out of sin after Christ ascends back to heaven. All callings lead to advancing God's will on earth in some way through Christ's salvation from Genesis to Revelation.

Jesus Christ is reclining with tax collectors and many others who are plagued with following sin. The pharisees who taught the law of Moses found fault with Jesus Christ. Who were the pharisees? The pharisees is one group of religious leader who brought many religious reforms to Israel that twisted and added to the law of Moses. What is the pharisee's objection to Christ's disciples about Christ calling the tax collector Matthew and reclining with others? The objection is why does your teacher spend time with people who are in sin instead of separating from them. Jesus Christ hears the objection and quotes Hosea 6:6. The healthy do not need the divine doctor Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ explains that sinful humans needing forgiveness need Him. The pharisees and others do not see their illness of sin and the need for Jesus Christ thinking they are well through their own works. Many Jews rested on their own ability to keep the law like seen in earlier chapters. This is how humans see themselves through self-deception of sin. Sinful humans who are humbled see their sin and the need of Jesus Christ. This would be the tax collectors and others reclining with Christ. Christians should remember this when interacting with the sinful world. Many will not see their need for Jesus Christ. There are many who need to hear the words of Christ for forgiveness of sin. The universal church throughout the ages and in many places should pray that God will send them out to share Christ's words season with wisdom and grace. God will call and cleanse all sinful humans that Christ's pays for to buy back from the slavery of sin.

Christ redeems and the universal church shares Christ's words that leads to salvation of God's elect.

Day 2:

Verses 14-17:

Please see Mark 2:13-22 and Luke 5:27-39 for the same account.

The disciples of John and the Pharisees fasted from food. To fast would be to go without food for a time with mourning over sin, reflecting on God's word, and praying about deep concerns of the soul. This practice can be twisted like seen in earlier chapters by the religious leaders or Jews who brought attention to themselves. The disciples of John ask Jesus why do not your disciples fast like we do. This question is not a trap unlike the pharisees and others did often. It is good to have honest questions from a soul that wants to be taught from God. Christ explains a better covenant is coming to replace the current one that is not centred on a single earthly nation. This better covenant will provide salvation from Genesis to Revelation that forms the spiritual nation based on better requirements and rewards. Jesus will give His perfect merit from His own perfect life and His sinless record of keeping God's law to all humans in this spiritual nation. There is no more threat to punish sinful humans forever in hell. Israel throughout history has God's salvation because this better covenant applies to God's elect people from Genesis to Revelation. One Gospel of Christ through various covenants. These different covenants have different requirements and promises. The national covenant has promises to stay in the land if sinful humans keep the laws of God that Moses gave. What is the true Israel throughout history? Israel is not the nation because it has never been. Many Jews are under God's wrath despite being in the national covenant. It is the spiritual people of God from Genesis to Revelation that includes many from the nation of Israel. The better covenant is not about being in a certain land and staying in the land based upon human behaviour. See the Books of Romans and Hebrews for further information.

The national covenant of Israel points forward as a type of what is to come. A type or foreshadow points forwards to something greater imperfectly. The fulfillment or antitype fully reveals what is being pointed to. What is the antitype? The better covenant that Christ is teaching publicly and privately is the antitype. These covenants cannot be combined due to being different in nature. A passage like this reveals change with the same Gospel and unchanging God that applies throughout history.

Christ is still on the earth when the disciples of John ask this question. This is not the time for mourning, fasting, and prayer. It is time for Christ's disciples to learn from Jesus Christ that prepares them to become the Apostles who will lead the first Christians and write many sections of the Bible.

Day 3:

Verse 18-38:

Please see Mark 5:22-43 and Luke 8:40-56 for the same account.

The next section of Matthew has Christ healing many Jews who are convinced that Jesus Christ could. Jesus Christ has been travelling around the nation of Israel showing His divine power through forgiving sin, healing the sick, having power over the demons, and teaching with power compared to the religious leaders. There is enough known about Jesus Christ for the crowds to gather and be with there God that should lead many to salvation. The national covenant between God and Israel looks forward to Jesus Christ's better covenant. God should be praised for His divine mercy because it would be fair if God left all humans in the failed covenant of works.

A girl is around the point of death if not already dead who is a daughter of a leader in the Jewish temple called the synagogue. The leader's name is Jairus. This leader cares deeply about his daughter and knows Christ is able to heal her. Jesus Christ agrees to heal this dying daughter and begins to move towards the house where the girl is. There has been a woman who has been bleeding for twelve years. Many doctors have attempted to assist without resolving the issue. There is something stirring in this woman's soul from God's activity. She thinks to herself if I touch Christ's cloak then I will be healed. This woman touches Christ's cloak and Christ's power goes forth to the woman. The crowd is pressing around Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ stops and asks who touched me because my power has gone forth to heal. The woman admits to touching Christ's cloak with fear and trembling. Does this woman reveal why she touched Christ's cloak. Yes. Jesus Christ encourages the woman that her faith has made her well. All bleeding stops when speaking with Christ.

What about the dying girl? A servant reports the girl is dead. It would take time for a servant to find the ruler and Jesus. The girl could have been dying or dead by the time the ruler spoke with Christ without knowing her current condition. There is no point troubling Jesus Christ anymore according to the servant. What is Jesus Christ's response? He explains do not be afraid and trust that I can raise her back to life. The

flute players play and a crowd is around the home of the dead girl where there is mourning with tears. Christ explains to the crowd that the girl is not dead but asleep. The crowds laugh because they know the girl is dead. Jesus Christ clears out the home except for the parents, Peter, John, and James. Jesus Christ takes the hand of the girl where He commands the girl to rise back to life. Her soul has departed the body at physical death to be brought together as one with a healed body. God the creator did this because Jesus Christ is God and God is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ as the creator of humans know how to repair the body and rejoin the soul with the body. Christ orders to feed the girl. The parents are amazed and are commanded by Christ not to speak about this to others. This looks forward to God's elect receiving sinless bodies where the soul rejoins the body in the future. The news of the daughter being raised from the dead spreads throughout Israel.

Christ is not done yet. Jesus Christ leaves the home to have two blind men call out to Him. What are they calling out for? Please have mercy on us, Son of David. David's family will sit on an eternal throne forever. The two blind men recognize Jesus Christ as the eternal king who would come out of David's family. They desire mercy to be able to see. Jesus Christ approaches the men in their home to ask one question. Are you convinced that I am able to heal and restore your sight? The two blind men response with yes we are convinced you can restore our vision. Jesus Christ restores the vision of the two men by touching the eyes. The two men can now see. Jesus Christ warns not to share this story with others. These two men disobey to share what Jesus Christ has done for them.

A single man who cannot speak from a demon is brought to Christ when the two men speak about how Christ made them see. The demon is cast out by Jesus Christ. How do the pharisees respond? The pharisees think Jesus Christ casts out demons because He has some connection with the ruler of demons. How does the crowd respond? The crowds are amazed. What is the crowd saying? Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel. Why is this true? God never came as a human servant without losing His divinity to teach, heal, and die on the cross. This is a one time event that God brought about through His decree. God wills it and it will come to pass. Jesus Christ will continue to teach and heal throughout many places in Israel. Why do this? God without limitation and the human servant without sin in the one being of Jesus Christ is full of compassion for humans lost in sin. The religious leaders have lost there way to leave the people without a leader. Sheep need a shepherd. Sinful humans need a divine saviour who will lead. Jesus Christ explains there is much to harvest with limited workers. This points forward to the the Book of Acts where there will be much to do with few male leaders. It

could be said this is a consistent problem for all Christians throughout the ages from Genesis to Revelation.

God is able to heal many sinful humans when walking on the earth. Now there is the ministry of teaching the Bible. The Bible with the subsistence of the Holy Spirit will raise sinful humans back to spiritual life. Then the Bible becomes the only place where God speaks to encourage and teach His people who have a new soul. There is always more to do. Christians are not alone because the Triune God will assist through instruction leading them and His activities in the world.