

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

STUDY QUESTIONS

WEEK ONE : Matthew 1.1—2.23

DAY ONE: Matt 1.1--17

1. 1.16. Why is Joseph called husband of Mary, and not father of Jesus?

2. 1.17. The 42 generations from Abraham to Jesus is an analogy to what events in the Old Testament?

DAY TWO: Matt 1.18--25

3. 1.20 Why was it important that Joseph remain with Mary as her husband?

4. 1.25 In the statement that Joseph “knew her not until she had borne a son”, what does the word “until” mean?

DAY THREE: Matt 2.1--12

5. What does the visit of the wise men stand for?

6. What do the three gifts stand for in the life of Jesus? (allegorical sense)?

7. What do the three gifts inspire us to do for in the daily life of a Christian? (moral sense)?

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DAY FOUR: Matt 2.13—15

8. 1.15 Why was it important that Matthew mention how Jesus went to Egypt and returned from Egypt?

9. READ TOPICAL ESSAY on page 10, *Is Matthew's Infancy Narrative Historical?* What are the five reasons given for defending the historical trustworthiness of Matthew's infancy narrative?

DAY FIVE: Matt 2.16--18

10. 2.16-18 God did not prevent Herod from killing innocent children in his effort to destroy Jesus. What effects have tragedies involving innocent persons had on your own or other's faith? How have you dealt with them?

DAY SIX: Matt 2.19--23

11. Why was it significant that Jesus be called a Nazarene?

12. 2.19-23. Consider how God led Joseph to care for the Holy Family and protect them from dangers. How have you noticed the Holy Spirit guiding your life?