

# M A T T H E W

## STUDY QUESTIONS

WEEK EIGHT: Matthew 22.1—25.46

SUNDAY'S STUDY: Matthew 22.1--33

1. 22.11. What is the wedding garment that the guest failed to wear?
2. 22.32. How does Jesus tailor his answer to the Sadducees and their acceptance of only the first five books of the Hebrew Bible? What conclusions is Jesus drawing from the text?

MONDAY'S STUDY: Matthew 22.34--46

3. 22.39. What does it mean to love your neighbour as you do yourself? As a Christian, we try to guard against self-love, which leads to selfishness. How do you love yourself then? How does that apply to the way you love your neighbour?
4. 22.45. What point is Jesus making to the Pharisees about Psalm 110 that they seem to have missed in their understanding of it?

TUESDAY'S STUDY: Matthew 23.1—39

5. 23.9. What does Jesus mean when he tells his disciples and the crowds to "call no man your father on earth"? How does this passage compare with other New Testament passages where the title "father" is used of the apostles themselves?
6. 23.12. What are some stories from your life that illustrate the truth of this passage for yourself? How have you been humbled? What did you learn from these events?
7. 23.38. Read Ezekiel 10.18 and 11.23. How does Jesus' departure from the Temple at this point recall Ezekiel's vision?

WEDNESDAY'S STUDY: Matthew 24.1--51

8. 24.1--46. On what two basic levels is Jesus speaking in this sermon?
9. 24.36. How does Christian tradition understand Jesus' apparent not-knowing of his Second Coming?

THURSDAY'S STUDY: *Topical Essay: end of the World* and Matthew 25.1—13

10. Read the *Topical essay: End of the World*. In what ways are the Temple and the world linked in the Bible and in ancient Jewish tradition? What does the fate of the Temple have to do with the fate of the cosmos? What does this have to do with the modern Church?
11. 25.1-13. On what Jewish marriage custom is this parable based? What moral interpretation do the early Church Fathers (Origen, Hilary) give this parable? How should you prepare for the coming of the Bridegroom?

FRIDAY'S STUDY: Matthew 25.14--46.

12. 25.26. Why is the servant who hid the talent dealt with so harshly for his laziness?
13. 25.31--46. At what two historical levels does the parable of the judgement of the nations operate?
14. 25.40. Why does Jesus say that by serving others as they do, they serve (or fail to serve) Jesus himself?