

On Formed questions on Matthew 27:32-66, and 28:1-20 Episodes 40-41

Review: From Matthew chapter 26-27:31

Chapter 26:1-35: Conclusion : Passion, death and victory of the King

Chapter 26:36-68: Praying in Gethsemane and arrest of Jesus

Chapter 26:69-27:31: Passion narrative- to go strong in the Lord is to go to your Father

Matthew Chapter 27:32-66 Episode 40

Theme: Continuation of the Passion and His Crucifixion

1) According to Mark 15:21, Matthew 27:32 who was Simon of Cyrene? Where was he from and who were possibly his sons? Why is mentioning his son's name important to this historical narrative?

2) What does this situation tell us about the condition of Jesus at this time, especially after the scouring that was done?

3) Since Jesus's passion can be seen in the light of the curse, which Jesus came to set right, (Genesis 3:14) according to 1 Corinthians 15:45 where Paul calls Jesus the last Adam, what aspects of the curse can one see in the passion of what Jesus went through and what He redeemed us from?

4) What title did the gentiles or Romans give Jesus? And what would the Jews in that time refer to Him as according to Michael Barber and Tim Gray?

5) In Matthew 20:20-21 James and John's mother ask Jesus to "Command that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left in your Kingdom." How did Jesus respond to her and what actually happened in Matthew 27:38? What does this tell us about the cross and the Kingdom of God according to Michael Barber?

6) What Psalm describes what Jesus went through in His passion for us? Why was this Psalm quoted by Jesus on the cross?

7) In response to Jesus quoting Psalm 22, Tim Gray states, "If we don't know the Scriptures of Israel, we can't understand the things that Jesus does or the things He says. What does he mean by this statement?"

8) How is the Hour of Mercy in Prayer (the 3:00 hour) deeply anchored in Scripture?

9) Where else in the Old Testament is the passion narrative described similar to Ps 22?

10) What apocalyptic signs are recorded in Matthew 27:51?

11) What is said in verse 54 that tells us about the future of the gentiles coming to have faith in Jesus?

12) Why is it important that Jesus was given a new tomb by Joseph of Arimathea?

13) How does the meaning of Jesus's name sum up His mission? What 3 encouraging truths come out of Jesus's passion, death and resurrection? And what can this mean personally to us?

14) How are we supposed to interpret the events that happen in our lives according to the events of this Gospel?

Matthew chapter 28: 1-20

Episode 41

Theme: The Dawn of the New Creation!

1) Compare the reaction of the women to the news of Jesus's Resurrection with the reaction of the guards? Why?

2) What angelic bookmarks are given in the beginning and at the end of Matthew?

3) What is important to know about the Sacrament of Baptism given to us in the New Creation of Jesus's death, Resurrection and Ascension?

4) In the ancient world how were women viewed in giving legal testimony in what they had seen? If this was so, what about this account makes the Gospel seem more accurate than a falsified or invented story?

5) How did Jesus fulfill the Sabbath law after He died?

6) What Old Testament book gives a prophecy that Jesus will rise on the 3rd day? Again what does this tell us about the importance of the Old Testament? What could a verse in Psalm 25:2 have anything to do with us in our search for truth?

“It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.”

7) What word does Jesus use when He says to the disciples to meet Him in Galilee?...And what does that mean about His love and mercy for them, Why Galilee?

8) What did the elders and the chief priests tell the soldier guards, at Jesus's tomb site, to say and to do? What does this indicate about the historical accuracy of this scene?

9) In verse 11 the guards told the chief priest all that had “taken place,” How is this similar to what Jesus says in Matthew 5:18? “For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot will pass away from the law until all is accomplished?”

10) What is significant about verse 17 with the word “Worship” and what does this scene on the mountain seem to imply?

11) Upon seeing that Jesus was resurrected, what did the disciples do first?

12) What is the major theme that is spoken about in the Book of Daniel and now in Matthew 28:18?....and how can we experience this reality everyday?

13) What is the title given to Jesus in the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew and what is said that is similar to this title at the end of this Gospel in Matthew 28:20?

14) What are the themes of Salvation History that are described in the Gospel of Matthew? And how can they impact our lives as we daily surrender our lives to Jesus?