

MON) October 7

Ch. 9 - New wine must be put into new wineskins,
 In verses 14-17 of this chapter, we find Jesus' teaching about the regulations of fasting. While the Mosaic Law commanded fasting only once a year on the Day of Atonement, the Pharisees began to incorporate their religious zeal into religious forms, fasting twice a week. However, Jesus says that such legalistic forms are like (_____) that cannot hold new wine, and cannot contain the gospel of the Lord. He says that a time will come when people will fast, not as a legal obligation or a framework of religious devotion, but as a fasting that loves the true God.

Ch. 10 - They will receive their reward,
 In this chapter, three types of people who will receive a reward from God are described. Who will receive a reward?
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 2)
 3)
 *It is human nature to be kind to influential, great, and important people. However, that is not the attitude of a disciple.

Ch. 11 - "I will give you rest,"
 In this chapter, Jesus invites, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Who is He inviting?

 *Considering that a yoke was a tool used to connect two oxen, Jesus' yoke is a light burden to carry with Him. Only when we come to Jesus with a heart that wants to follow Him, not our own will, does the yoke become light.

Ch. 12 - An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign,
 In this chapter, addressing the Pharisees and scribes who were seeking a sign, Jesus mentions the sign of Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for three days and three nights. What did the story of Jonah foreshadow?

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Ch. 13 - Hear the parable of the sower,
 In this chapter, we encounter the "Parable of the Sower" (verses 3-23), which can also be called the parable of the soil. Although the same seed is sown, the results vary, not because of the seed but because of the soil. Let's identify the types of hearts represented by the different soils in the parable.
 1. Fell on the path and was eaten by birds:
 2. Fell on rocky places and withered away when the sun came up:
 3. Fell among thorns and the thorns choked it out:
 4. Fell on good soil and produced a crop:

Ch. 14 - All we have is five loaves of bread and two fish,
 This chapter records the well-known miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand. What small amount of food did Jesus use to feed five thousand men (actually, more than ten thousand)?

 *No one is too insignificant or has too little to be used by God. Jesus gladly accepts our small offerings and uses them in great ways.

Ch. 15 - This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me,
 In this chapter, the Pharisees and scribes criticize Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating, accusing them of not following the traditions of the elders. In response, Jesus strongly condemns their hypocrisy, pointing out that they justify neglecting their parents by claiming it is a "gift dedicated to God."
 "This people honors me with their (_____), but their heart is far from me; (_____) do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Ch. 16 - You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 In this chapter, after hearing Peter's confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus reveals. Who revealed this to Peter this knowledge and made him confess it?

 *If we confess Jesus as our Lord and our God, it is not our own decision but because God has graciously given us faith.

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Ch. 17 - This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
 In this chapter, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where He is transfigured, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light. Please quote the voice that was heard from heaven during this event. (This statement is identical to the one heard from heaven when Jesus was baptized - Matthew 3:17.)

Ch. 18 - "How many times shall I forgive him?"
 When Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has sinned against him, Jesus responded with the parable of the unforgiving servant. "If you do not forgive your brother from your heart, my (_____) will do the same to you."

*A talent was 6,000 denarii, and 10,000 talents was 60,000,000 denarii. A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer at that time, so 10,000 talents is an impossible amount to repay, even if one worked six days a week for 200,000 years. Jesus uses this immense number to illustrate the immeasurable grace we have received from God. He then urges us not to limit our forgiveness of those who have sinned against us, given the immeasurable grace we have been shown.

Ch. 19 - "He went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."
 In this chapter, a young man who had many questions about eternal life heard Jesus and went away sorrowful. What was it in Jesus' response that caused him to be so troubled?

Ch. 20 - "The last shall be first, and the first last."
 The parable of the laborers in the vineyard (verses 1-16) in this chapter illustrates God's sovereign grace. God's grace cannot be measured by human standards of fairness, and it reveals God's love that extends to everyone. Please find and write the central verse that is repeated at the beginning and end of this parable. (19:30, 20:16)

THU) October 10**Ch. 21 - Hosanna to the Son of David!**

During Passover, Jesus came to Jerusalem for the final week of His life. He first instructed His disciples to bring a donkey (verse 2), and rode into Jerusalem on it, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. This Messianic prophecy depicts a King who does not overthrow Rome with force, but rather comes humbly to establish the kingdom of God. "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, (.....), and mounted on a (.....), and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

Ch. 22 - "David himself called Him 'Lord.'"

In this chapter, Jesus asks the Pharisees whose descendant they think the Christ is (verses 41-46). Jesus quotes Psalm 110:1, saying, "The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" By calling the coming Messiah "Lord," Jesus declared that although the Messiah would be a descendant of (.....) in terms of His human lineage, He was also God, who had existed from the beginning. In this final week, Jesus more clearly and explicitly revealed His divine glory.

Ch. 23 - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!"

In this chapter, Jesus condemns the scribes and Pharisees seven times using the phrase "Woe to you." The core of His rebuke and condemnation is their "hypocrisy." What does this chapter teach us? "First clean the (.....) of the cup and the plate, that the (.....) also may be clean."

Ch. 24 - "Learn from the fig tree."

In this chapter, Jesus gives instructions to His disciples about living in the last days (verses 32-51). As we prepare for the last days, we should live with the expectation that the Lord's return is imminent. Considering Noah's obedience to God's command to build an ark and bring his family and animals into it, why did people perish?

FRI) October 11**Ch. 25 - "Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."**

In this chapter, Jesus describes the final judgment (verses 31-46). When the Son of Man comes in His glory, all nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep will inherit the kingdom, while the goats will go into eternal fire. To whom did Jesus say we are doing good when we do good to "the least of these My brethren"?

* "The least of these My brethren" can refer not only to the poor and weak but also to Jesus' disciples, that is, Christians. Our attitude towards them and the gospel they preach will be considered our attitude towards Jesus Himself.

Ch. 26 - "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."

Chapters 26 and 27 record Jesus' suffering, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. When Jesus was facing death and His soul was overwhelmed with sorrow, what did He do? (verses 39, 42, 44)

Ch. 27 - "Truly, this was the Son of God."

This chapter, which records the events from Jesus' arrest to His crucifixion, is both the saddest and most gracious event for Christians. It shows us to what extent the sinless Lord, the almighty Creator, could humble Himself by coming to the world in human form. This humbling was solely for the purpose of loving and saving His people. Only by contemplating the crucified Lord can we follow Him. Meditate deeply on the cross as you read this chapter.

Ch. 28 - I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Jesus tells His disciples what they should do (the Great Commission) before His resurrection and ascension. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make (.....) of all nations, (.....) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (.....) them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SAT) October 12**Mark Ch. 1 - Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.**

In this chapter, three primary ministries of Jesus as the Messiah are recorded: preaching and teaching, casting out demons, and healing the sick. Who are the people who were specially called to participate in this ministry and, no longer catching fish, followed Jesus as fishers of men?

Ch. 2 - "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

The issue of the Sabbath, which caused the most controversy in Jesus' ministry, appears in verses 23-28. When the Pharisees saw Jesus' disciples plucking grain and eating it on the Sabbath, they accused them of breaking the Sabbath. Jesus responded by referring to the story of David and his companions eating the bread of the Presence, which was reserved for the priests (1 Samuel 21:1-6), and interpreted the meaning of the Sabbath. Jesus clearly stated that the Sabbath was made for (.....), and the Lord of the Sabbath is (.....).

* Do you not feel that you are keeping the Sabbath with a sense of obligation or as if it were a heavy burden? Unless we realize that the Sabbath is a gift from God for our happiness, we will continue to approach it as a duty rather than an act of love. May God grant us the grace to spend the Sabbath as a day filled with His grace.

Ch. 3 - "Which is right?"

The miracle of Jesus healing the man with a withered hand in the synagogue (verses 1-6) is a continuation of the Sabbath debate from the previous chapter (2:23-28). What did Jesus value more than obeying the Sabbath law? "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do (.....) or to do harm, to (.....) or to kill?"

Ch. 4 - "Peace! Be still!"

This chapter records the miracle of Jesus calming the storm (verses 35-41). While Jesus was sleeping in the boat, a great storm arose, and the disciples were terrified and thought they were going to die. When they woke Jesus, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "(.....)!" (.....)!", and the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

* Even though Jesus was with us in the boat, are we not afraid of the big and small storms that occur in our lives? Trust in Jesus who can bring peace and calm.