

MATTHEW 13, PART 1

I) Review of Matthew

- Matthew shows that Jesus is _____ who has come to _____ by _____.
- Jesus is _____ as He is _____.
- The Sermon on the Mount tells of the King _____ the Torah through _____ in words of _____. This is _____.
- Echoing the _____ and fulfilling _____, Jesus proceeded to _____.
- “When Jesus had finished these words” (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; & 26:1).

II) Review of Matthew 12

Matthew 12:1-14 focuses on the rest of Jesus Christ (11:28-30) in contrast to the Sabbath burdens of the Pharisees.

Mt. 12:1-8 Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of plucking grain on Sabbath.

Mt. 12:9-14 Pharisees accuse Jesus of healing on Sabbath.

Yet Jesus is the true temple who through mercy offers true Sabbath rest.

Matthew 12:15-32 focuses on the Spirit working through Jesus.

Mt. 12:15-21 Jesus was anointed by the Spirit.

Mt. 12:22-32 Jesus established the kingdom by the Spirit.

Matthew 12:33-50 focuses on the Spirit empowering the work of Jesus, in contrast to the blasphemy that the Pharisees committed against the Spirit.

III) Matthew 12:42, 46-50

1. In what way is Jesus greater than Solomon (12:42)?

2. Following up Tom's series, should we consider 12:47 a part of the original text?

3. Who is the brother, sister, and mother of Jesus (12:46-50)?

IV) Matthew 13:10-17

4. Connecting 12:42 to chapter 13, what form of writing did Solomon use to teach? What dominant form(s) of communication did Jesus use to teach?

5. Where does Matthew quote from in 13:14-15? What was the problem that Isaiah was confronting? Is this problem present in Jesus' day?

6. Tom said many times in the series, "The desire to make everything black and white is idolatry." What did he mean by this? How do parables help to defeat this idol?

7. Major question for the section: Why did Jesus teach in parables?