

Chapter 6

adultery Infidelity in marriage whereby a married person has sexual intercourse with someone who is not the person's spouse.

Beatitudes Eight blessings preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount that respond to the natural human desire for happiness. The word *beatitude* means "supreme happiness" or "state of blessedness."

eschatological A term having to do with the end times or the "last things" (death, resurrection, judgment, heaven, hell, purgatory, everlasting life, etc.).

Gehenna The Jewish term for "hell." Originally the site of human sacrifice, this Jerusalem valley was cursed by the prophet Jeremiah as a place of death and corruption. In Jesus' day it was used as a garbage dump.

hierarchical A structure of sacred leadership, ordained leaders consisting of the pope, bishops, priests, and deacons who govern, teach, and guide the Church in holiness according to Christ's plan.

M The name for the approximate four hundred verses or verse fragments in the Gospel of Matthew that are not present in the Gospel of Mark or Q, which are unique to Matthew.

phylacteries Small leather capsules that are fastened on the forehead or on the upper left arm of Jewish men so that they hang at the level of the heart. They contain

miniature scrolls with four passages from Jewish law. Some Jewish men wear these all day once they reach the age of thirteen, the age of adulthood.

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scandal The bad example, often by religious leaders, that misleads others to sin.

seven woes A list of criticisms leveled by Jesus against the Pharisees and scribes in Matthew 23:13–36.