LESSON 1

Name

Outline of Matthew’s Gospel

*Directions*: Read the gospel of Matthew and its related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks

for each item.

1. Judging from the opening passage of Matthew’s gospel, with its references to the Jewish heroes David and Abraham, the theme of this gospel seems to be emphasis on Jesus’ Jewish

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2. The greatest Jewish hero in the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures was .

3. The author of Matthew’s gospel seems interested in comparing this Jewish hero with

. Look up the following passages and see the implied comparisons:

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| A. | Moses  Genesis 37:5-9 | Jesus  Matthew 1:20 | Comparisons  Both were preceded by dreamers named |
| B. | Exodus 1:22 | Matthew 2:16 | Both were threatened with |
| C. | Exodus 2:1-10 | Matthew 2:13-15 | Both lived in |
| D. | Exodus 20:1-17 | Matthew 5:1-12 | Both gave their people |
| E. | Exodus 14:21-22 | Matthew 14:25-33 | Both demonstrate power over |
| F. | Exodus 16:4-15 | Matthew 14:13-21 | Both involved with miraculous |
| G. | Exodus 1:2-5 | Matthew 10:1-5 | The number |
| H. | Exodus 12:1-27 | Matthew 26:26-29 | Both perform ritual |

4. The gospel of Matthew starts with a prologue (Mt 1:1—2:23) which deals with the period in Jesus’ life known as his .

5. Then follows five major speeches or discourses. Each one ends with a phrase like: “After having finished this discourse. . .” The five discourses are:

A. Matthew 3:1 to 7:29 which includes the Sermon on the .

B. Matthew 8:1 to 11:1 which contains Jesus’ instruction to his twelve .

C. Matthew 11:2 to 13:53 which includes six parables. The most famous of these is probably the para- ble of the .

D. Matthew 13:54 to 19:2 deals with “church order” or the care that disciples must exert to protect each other’s (18:3-35) .

E. Matthew 19:3 to 26:2 (especially chapters 24 and 25) deals with .

6. Apparently Matthew wanted Jesus’ five discourses to parallel the five books attributed to Moses in the

Hebrew Scriptures. These five books are known as the .

7. The seventh and last section of Matthew’s gospel is located in chapters 26 though 28. These chapters deal with Jesus’ passion, death, and .

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