

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 _____.
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:

Moses

Jesus

Comparisons

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| A. Genesis 37:5-9 | Matthew 1:20 | 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 parable 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 through 28. These chapters deal with Jesus' passion, death, and _____.