

LESSON 2

Name _____

Themes in Matthew's Gospel

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The central message of Jesus' preaching is the coming of the kingdom of heaven (see Mt 4:17) and the need on the part of his followers for a complete change of heart and conduct summarized by the word _____.
2. Matthew 1:23 says Jesus' name will be Emmanuel. The English translation of this name is _____.
3. Matthew 28:20 has the same idea. Thus the notion of "God with us" is at both the beginning and _____.
4. Matthew is the only gospel to start with a genealogy. Apparently he does this in order to show that Jesus has the proper Jewish lineage to be the _____. (1:16)
5. The most famous summary of Jesus' preaching is contained in the Sermon on the _____. (5:1 to 7:29)
6. While the Ten Commandments of Moses are meant to be minimum standards of acceptable external behavior, the Beatitudes instead offer ideals of interior _____.
7. Matthew 5:44 describes what a follower of Christ has to do to approach the perfection of God. This person is supposed to _____.
8. How many specific miracles does Jesus work in Matthew 8-9? _____
9. List those miracles.

10. Perhaps this suggests Exodus 7-12 when Moses was instrumental in the ten _____.
11. More than twenty times the gospel of Matthew quotes from the _____. (see Mt 1:22, 2:5, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 3:3, 4:14, 8:17, 9:13, 12:7, 12:17, 13:14, 13:35, 15:7, 21:4, 22:32, 22:37, 22:39, 22:44, 26:31, 27:9)
12. An overall theme of Matthew's gospel is Jewish _____.
13. Matthew 10:5-7 includes the warning to avoid visiting pagan territory until after the good news is first preached to the _____.
14. But the Jews did not have exclusive rights on Jesus' teaching. Matthew 28:19 advises the apostles to make disciples of _____.
15. In summary, in Matthew's gospel, Jesus was primarily a _____. (see Mt 8:19; 9:11; 12:38; 19:16; 22:16; 24; 36; 26:18)