LCCM — **QT** Questions

(6/28/21 - 7/25/21)

Daily QT Questions — for Matthew

Matt 1 (6/28)

- 1. In Matt 1:1, what is Matthew stating as he begins, and what does it have to do with the whole book?
- 2. Who and what kind of women were the five we encounter in the genealogy, and why would God include such undeserving people in the genealogy of none other than the Messiah's?
- 3. Who is the woman whose name is not recorded, and why would she be named nameless?
- 4. What are the two names of the Messiah given, what do they mean, and why would they be presented immediately following this genealogy?

Matt 2 (6/29)

- 1. Where was Jesus born (2:1), but why will He be called from another town (2:23)?
- 2. Why would King Herod and all Jerusalem (which means, all Jews and the leaders) find the news of Jesus' birth disturbing, instead of rejoicing?
- 3. What was the purpose of the Magi search for this new born king?
- 4. Why was Rachel weeping, and how does this point to another mother, who will also have her child kill later in this book?
- 5. What is God leading you to obey through His word today?

Matt 3 (6/30)

- 1. Who in the OT was John reminding the people through his clothes, and why do you think that is important?
- 2. According to verses 2 and 6, how was God preparing the way of the Lord through John?
- 3. When John preached that the people were to produce fruit in keeping with repentance, what did it mean for the people, and how does it apply to you, please be specific?
- 4. Meditate and list some of the things you notice when Jesus was baptized?

Matt 4 (7/1)

- 1. Did you notice who led Jesus into the wilderness—what if He led you into the wilderness to be tempted—how do you think you will fare?
- 2. On the three temptations, will you wrestle with at least one of them, on what it means, and how does that apply to you?
- 3. What do you think was the appeal when Jesus called the fishermen to follow Him?

4. Will you see on your map where all the people came from in verse 25, and why do you think Matthew included all of them when He wrote this gospel, especially as he desires to evangelize his fellow Jews, for that is why, this gospel was written?

Matt 5 (7/2)

- 1. In the beatitudes or blessings (5:3-12), which ones causes you to ponder longer, why?
- 2. Jesus teaches that when people do hurtful things to us (5:11-12)—
 - 1. We are not to strike back at them, but what incredible and unnatural thing does He want us to do?
 - 2. What does He say is the reason for our joy?
 - 3. How real is that place in your life?
- 3. What does Jesus say is the reason why we want to shine good deeds for others (5:16)?
- 4. Why is our God teaching us to live so differently than the ways of most people in our world (5:45, 48)?

Matt 6 (7/3)

- 1. When you practice righteousness, give to the needy, and fast, how are you to do them, why?
- 2. What does your Father know before you pray and how should that impact your prayer and your life?
- 3. Where does the heart follow (6:21)—when have you seen this in your life, what happened?
- 4. When we are worried about life, what to eat, what to wear, where does God want us to look, and what are we supposed to learn from them?

Matt 7 (7/4)

- 1. Before you try to take the speck from your brother/sister's eye, what are you supposed to do first, and why do you think this is important?
- 2. What does God want us to learn, when He compared Himself to a father who gives good gifts to his children, even though he is evil?
- 3. Why can we not enter into heaven when we call Him, Lord, Lord—what are we really supposed to do?
- 4. What is the difference between the wise person and the foolish person, and what specifically can you do in your life today to obey?
 - Let's learn the Biblical principle well, but most importantly, let's walk the talk.

Matt 8 (7/5)

- 1. Jesus was amazed at a Roman centurion's great faith, can you describe what kind of faith he had, and what can you learn from such faith yourself?
- 2. When some of the people expressed they wanted to follow Jesus, instead of gladly accepting them as they were, Jesus seems to impose a barrier, why do you think Jesus did that?
- 3. Why did Jesus call His disciples, "you of little faith, why are you so afraid?" when it in a furious storm, it would be natural for anyone to be afraid for their lives?

4. Why would the people in town who just witnessed Jesus drive out the demons plead with Him to leave them?

Matt 9 (7/6)

- 1. In 9:5, when Jesus asked, "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?" will you try to answer in two ways—first, if you were judging by mere appearance, which is easier, and second, if you were judging by God's standard, which is easier?
- 2. Jesus told the people to go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice,"—what does this mean, and how should that be applied to our lives?
- 3. In 9:22 and 29, Jesus says that their faith has healed them— what kind of faith was it, and was it really "faith" that healed them or was it the object of their faith?
- 4. When the people laughed at Jesus when He told them, "the girl is not dead but asleep"— what was the situation as the people saw it, and how did Jesus sound to them with His words?

Matt 10 (7/7)

- 1. Can you memorize the names of all 12 disciples?—Which disciple have ministered to you most; how?.
 - For extra credit, if you want to do some more digging into the different gospels—when you read Matt 10:1-4 with Mk 3:14-19 with Lk 6:12-16, you will find 14 names of the disciples, can you identify the two disciples whose names are recorded differently, so you can get to the 12? (Confusing?—I will send the answer tomorrow, but today, I hope you love to dig).
- 2. Why should we learn to freely give?
 - And I pray that the freely giving will include—our money, our time, our possessions, our forgiveness, our love, our joy, our kindness, our concern, our prayers, our praises, and every good things we have received from Him (Jam 1:17; 1Cor 4:7).
- 3. Why are we taught to be more afraid of the One who can destroy both souls and body in hell, than someone who can kill us—are we capable to have this perspective?
- 4. When we are offering a cup of water to the little ones, to whom does God say we are also offering, and have you offered to people who cannot repay you?

Matt 11 (7/8)

- 1. Why do you think John would ask if Jesus is the coming Messiah, when he clearly saw before that He was, such as in His baptism, which John led?
- 2. Why does Jesus answer John's question by quoting Scriptures, instead of speaking plainly and say, yes I am?
- 3. What does Jesus mean when He said that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John?
- 4. Why did Jesus denounce the towns in which He did most of His miracles, and what does it teach us about understanding what a miracle should do?
- 5. What does Jesus want to give us when we come to Him, and have you received that from Him?

Matt 12 (7/9)

- 1. Why were the Pharisees plotting to kill Jesus?—In order to keep one law (the Sabbath law), they were willing to break another (the 6th commandment), have you seen yourself do that, to keep one you break another?
- 2. Isn't our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins in Jesus, so why is it ok to speak against Jesus but not against the Holy Spirit?
- 3. Where do our words originate from (or is full of), and what should we be mindful of when we speak?
- 4. What should be the common thing Jesus' true family be known for (12:50)?

Matt 13 (7/10)

- 1. In the parable of the sower, which ground do you think reflects your heart, in what ways, and if it not the good soil, what can you do for your heart to be like a good soil?
- 2. In the parable of the weeds, why is the Lord asking His servants to wait until the harvest time to gather the wheat, and what does that teach us about the Lord's heart?
- 3. In the parable of the hidden treasure, the man sold everything to buy the treasure, can you relate, how?
- 4. What are the names of Jesus' younger brothers, and do you know of any evidence in other places in the Bible, where any of them came to the saving faith in Jesus?
- 5. For extra credit (it's a trick question) how many sisters did Jesus have?

Matt 14 (7/11)

For Matt 14, my questions will come only from the first story.

- Please take your time to read and meditate on the other two stories.
 - The more familiar you are with the stories, may I say, the slower and careful you
 want to read, because our tendency is to gloss over, which will make you miss
 what our Lord has in store for you.
- 6. Why would Herod believe that Jesus is John, whom he beheaded—what was happening in Herod's head and heart?
- 7. What ground did John have to oppose what Herod did (Lev 18:16)?
- 8. What kind of mother prompts her daughter to ask to kill a person, and worse still, ask that his head be brought on a platter for her daughter to carry to her mother with a severed head staring right at her—can you imagine carrying such a thing, and can you imagine the nightmare this girl would have—what was this mother thinking, why would she do such a horrible thing?
- 9. Why would this father grant such a miserable request from his daughter—shouldn't he had protected her; shouldn't he had said No—but why didn't he?
- 10. Will you write out all the insights you notice from the other two stories (14:13-36)?

Matt 15 (7/12)

1. In 15:3-7, why was Jesus angry at these people, how did they nullify the word of God for the sake of their tradition?

- 2. From where does Jesus say our words originate?—Knowing where our words come from, whenever we hear our words utter ugly things, will you stop and humbly repent of such ugly things, and ask for God's grace to change you from the inside out?
- 3. What about the faith of a Canaanite woman does Jesus say makes it great?—will you also pray for such faith in you?
- 4. From 15:29-31, will you picture this scene, in all of the chaotic beauty, and try to describe it as if you were there, seeing and hearing all of these things happening?

Matt 16 (7/13)

- 1. What is the sign of Jonah Jesus was speaking of, and why was that important for Him to teach them?
- 2. Why did Jesus teach His disciples to be careful of the yeast of the Pharisees, and what "yeast" of the world must you be careful about?
- 3. What did Jesus mean when He told Peter that he will be given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and how is that related to Jesus?
- 4. Why would Peter do such an outrageous thing as to dare to rebuke the Lord, and what did Jesus mean when He spoke about the concerns of God and of man?

Matt 17 (7/14)

- 1. In 17:3, we see Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus, what do you think is the significance of these two OT men talking with Jesus?
- 2. What does the Father say about His Son (actually all of His children, which means, what does He say about you?), and what does the Father want us to do with His Son, and what does that look like in our lives?
- 3. Mercy means to not give what we deserve, which means, we are not going to receive what our sins deserve, so why is it right for the man to ask Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on my son," when he is asking for healing?
- 4. Share your thoughts on the miracle Jesus does through Peter's catch of the first fish —whether be on Jesus, or Peter, or your view of this incident.

Matt 18 (7/15)

- 1. The world calls little children innocent and pure, but God's word says every baby that are born are born sinful, which means they are not innocent, so why does God call the little children the greatest in His kingdom?
- 2. Whose stumbling must we be careful not to make; why do you think God is concerned about such stumbling; and will you examine how you have caused another to stumble?
- 3. If a brother or sister sins, what are we called to do for them, and why do you think God wants us to do that?
- 4. We know God's forgiveness does not hinge on our forgiving others, so why is the Master throwing the servant back to be tormented when it seemed that he was already forgiven before?

Matt 19 (7/16)

1. How does God see our marriage, despite all the reasons for divorce in our world?

- 2. Why would Jesus say that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these, as in little children, when we know that the requirement to enter into heaven has nothing to do becoming like a little child?
- 3. Why is it hard for the rich to enter into heaven?
- 4. What do you think Jesus means when He says that many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first?

Matt 20 (7/17)

Please remember, every chapter has so much more than the questions I am asking. So, feel free to dig more, to search more, and to behold our Lord more.

- 1. Jesus said that the parable of the workers in the vineyard is about the kingdom of heaven—what about the story is about heaven you think?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus is teaching about His death when He is going up to Jerusalem?
- 3. The mother, her sons and the other disciples, what did they all want, and what did Jesus want for them—would you pray that you would also want what Jesus wants for His people, which is also for us?
- 4. What do you notice about how the two blind men called Jesus—what were they saying, and how is it applicable for you?

Matt 21 (7/18)

Let's have a slight change to our QT Bible reading, as we start with Mark 1 on 7/26 (Mon).

- Our sister Sabrina sends out the newsletter on Sat, which includes the Sunday sermon title along with the passage.
 - 1. I would like to encourage all of our members to read the sermon passage before we come to church on Sunday mornings.
 - 2. And for your QT on Sundays, will you try it with the sermon passage chapter, so you will have more time to meditate on God's word, with the Sunday sermon.
 - So, it will look like this—7/26-Mk 1; 7/27-Mk 2; 7/28-Mk 3; 7/29-Mk 4; 7/30-Mk 5; 7/31-Mk 6; 8/1-Sunday sermon passage (not from Mark); 8/2-Mk 7.

Here are the QT questions for Sunday (7/18)—

- 1. As Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey (21:1-11), what are some of the things you notice, and why do you think they are significant for our faith?
- 2. In the temple, what were the different reasons for Jesus' anger and the Jewish leaders indignation, and what did Jesus really want in the temple?
- 3. What are your thoughts on the two sons, and what did Jesus want the people to do after they repented?
- 4. How is the parable of the tenants about Jesus, and what is expected of the people given the task?

Matt 22 (7/19)

1. In the parable of the wedding banquet, what are some of the things you notice, and why do they catch your eye?

- 2. In what ways were the disciples of the Pharisees conspiring with the Herodians to trap Jesus, and how does Jesus' response overcome them?
- 3. From where did the Sadducees learn of Moses' law, and why was their application of God's word wrong?
- 4. How did Jesus summarized God's two greatest commandments, and how can we better learn to live them out in our lives?

Matt 23 (7/20)

- 1. What must we do when it comes to the right teaching, and what must we do when the lifestyle of the teachers are different, and how can we apply it to our lives?
- 2. What do the Jewish leaders love, yet how does our Lord desire for us to live?
- 3. How many woes does Jesus speak of, and which of them strikes your heart most and why?
- 4. What about hypocrisy angers Jesus so much you think, and will you see if that's also in you, and will you pray that you will repent and adopt His way over yours?

Matt 24 (7/21)

- 1. What will be the greatest deception that we have to be careful of, and why do you think Jesus is warning of this?
- 2. According to 24:12, how does the love of most people grow cold, and how can we warm our hearts?
- 3. What is the lesson from the fig tree does our Lord want us to learn, and how can we continue to learn lessons from the many things we see in our lives?
- 4. If we don't know when the Lord is returning, how can we keep watch and be ready for His return?
- 5. According to Jesus, what kind of people are the faithful and wise servants, and what makes a servant a wicked one, and what can you do to be more faithful and wise?

Matt 25 (7/22)

- 1. In the parable of the ten virgins, we know God is not teaching us to not share with the people in need, so what does He want us to learn from the five wise and the five foolish virgins?
- 2. In the parable of the bags of gold, what was the reason why the Master was pleased, and what was the reward for the Master's pleasure to his servants?
- 3. In the story of the sheep and the goats, who did Jesus identified with, and therefore, how should we see and treat people, all people, not only the poor but also the rich?
- 4. In 25:41, for whom did God prepared hell, and why do some people follow him there?

Matt 26 (7/23)

- 1. How does the anointing at Bethany prepare Jesus for His burial, and why did Jesus consider the woman's action beautiful, when the people around her thought it was wasteful?
- 2. What do the bread and the cup represent, and how do they impact your life?
- 3. The hymn was sung after explaining about His impending death, isn't that an awkward time to sing anything, so why do you think they sang?

- 4. What was it that Jesus would pray for three times, and why do you think He did that, and how does that impact your life?
- 5. Would you record all the things you notice in Jesus' arrest, and everything else that followed—and what does it mean that each one of those things were done for you?

Matt 27 (7/24)

- 1. Three times, by three different and most unusual or unfit people, Jesus is called innocent—who were they, and why use them to say that Jesus was innocent?
- 2. On 27:27-31, will you list all the ways the soldiers enjoyed mocking Jesus before His crucifixion, and then, will you take some time to reflect for whom Jesus willingly allowed them to do that to Him?
- 3. Some of what the people said as Jesus was crucified were true, which were they, and what did they not understand, even though their words were true?
- 4. Of some of the incredible events that happened after His death, which ones do you notice and why?

Matt 28 (7/25)

PTL for each of you, as we have completed the reading of the gospel of Matthew.

- As we start the gospel of Mark tomorrow (Mon), we will do our daily Bible reading on Sundays with the sermon passage chapter, starting on 8/1 (Be sure to always check the newsletter our sister Sabrina sends to learn the chapter of the sermon passage).
 - So, the daily Bible reading for this week will look like this—7/26-Mk 1; 7/27-Mk 2; 7/28-Mk 3; 7/29-Mk 4; 7/30-Mk 5; 7/31-Mk 6; 8/1-Sunday sermon passage (Jn 10); 8/2-Mk 7.

Questions:

- 1. Which day is "the first day" in our calendar of the week, and why do you think it was important for Jesus' resurrection to take place on this day, and how does it impact our faith and our worship?
- 2. Clearly, we are told that Jesus was crucified, which means, He is dead—so why couldn't the women find Him where He was laid; do you also believe what we are told in verses 5 & 6?
- 3. In verse 8, how could the women feel both fear and joy, is that possible, and have you had such an experience, will you share your experience?
- 4. In verse 17, it is the eleven disciples who worshiped, but some doubted—why would they doubt, when they were seeing Jesus right before their eyes, and how does our God use our doubts to deepen our faith?