
Study Series: Matthew

Questions about Key Passages in Matthew

1. Compare Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism (3.13-17) to that of Mark (Mark 1.9-11). What specific Matthean concerns and emphases surface, and what are some of the ways that they resurface and/or develop throughout the remainder of the Gospel?
2. How do you regard the Sermon on the Mount? Is it an ethical blueprint for contemporary life? Or is it a utopian vision for the future? Or is it perhaps a revolutionary political agenda of a now distant culture and history? Does it apply to everyone? Or is it directed only at those within the kingdom of God? What is the basis for your interpretation and what are its implications?
3. List all of the passages in Matthew that involve taking the good news of Jesus Christ to others (missions and evangelism). What was Jesus' "mission" in Matthew? What mission does he assign to his disciples? What else can be said about Jesus and his ministry in relation to the theme of missions which run throughout the Gospel of Matthew?