

Workbook On The Gospel Of Matthew



The Synagogue at Chorazin

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.” (Matthew 11:21)

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Part One: The Presentation of the King (1:1–4:11)

I. The Advent of the King (1:1–2:23)

A. Genealogy of Christ (1:1–17)

1. What would a Jew learn from the first verse of Matthew?
2. What is the significance of Rahab being listed in this genealogy? (1:5)
3. What is the significance of Jeconiah and Shealtiel being listed? (1:12)

B. Birth of Christ (1:18–25)

1. Why did Joseph want to “put away” Mary secretly? (1:18)
2. What did the angel tell Joseph about the Child? (1:20–21)

C. Visit of Wise Men (2:1–12)

1. Why did wise men from the East come to Jerusalem? (2:1–2)
2. What did Herod request of the wise men? Did they honor his request? (2:8)

(The basic outline used in this class book is borrowed from Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts)

D. Flight into Egypt (2:13–15)

1. Why did Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with the Christ Child? (2:13)
2. How long were they in Egypt? What prophecy was fulfilled? (2:14–15)

E. Herod Kills the Children (2:16–18)

1. How long did it take for Herod to realize he had been deceived? (2:16)
2. Why was “Rachel weeping for her children”? (2:17–18; Hos 11:1)

F. Jesus Returns to Nazareth (2:19–23)

1. Who was Archelaus? What is he best remembered for? (2:22)
2. Why did Joseph take his family to Nazareth? (2:23)

II. The Announcer of the King (3:1–12)

A. The Person of John the Baptist (3:1–6)

1. What was the purpose and message of John the Baptist? (3:2)
2. What did those coming to John confess? (3:6)

B. The Preaching of John the Baptist (3:7–12)

1. What message did John give to the Pharisees and Sadducees? (3:7–8)
2. What did John say about the ministry of Jesus? (3:11)

III. The Approval of the King (3:13–4:11)

A. Baptism of Jesus (3:13–17)

1. Why did John try to prevent Christ from being baptized? (3:14)
2. Why was Jesus baptized? (3:15)
3. What happened after the baptism of Jesus? (3:16–17)

B. Temptation of Jesus (4:1–11)

1. Was Christ really tempted to sin? Was it possible for Him to sin? (cf. Heb 2:14–18)
2. In what three ways did Satan tempt Jesus? (4:3–10)

Part Two: The Proclamation of the King (4:12–7:29)

I. The Background for the Sermon (4:12–25)

A. Jesus Begins His Ministry (4:12–17)

1. Why did Jesus dwell in Capernaum? (4:13–14)
2. What prophecy was made concerning Capernaum? (4:15–16; cf. Isa 9:1–2)

B. Jesus Calls His First Disciples (4:18–22)

1. Who did Jesus first find by the Sea of Galilee? (4:18)
2. What were James and John doing when Jesus called them? (4:21)

C. Jesus Ministers in Galilee (4:23–25)

1. What did Jesus do in Galilee? What kind of people came to Him? (4:23)
2. How far did his fame spread? Why is this so important? (4:24–25)

II. The Sermon on the Mount (5:1–7:29)

A. The Subjects of the Kingdom (5:1–16)

1. Summarize the Beatitudes. (5:3–12)

2. What type of people does the Lord desire? (5:13–16)

B. The Relationship of Jesus to the Law (5:17–7:6)

1. What was the relationship between the teaching of Jesus and the Law? (5:17–20)

2. Explain this phrase: “You have heard that it was said to those of old.” (5:21)

3. What did Jesus say about adultery? (5:27–30)

4. What did Jesus teach about divorce? (5:31–32)

5. Explain this phrase: “I tell you not to resist an evil person.” (5:39)

6. How are we to perform our charitable deeds? (6:1–4)

7. How are we to pray? What are we to avoid in prayer? (6:5–15)

8. What did Jesus have to say about worry and anxiety? (6:25–34)

9. Did Jesus prevent all judgment? How are we to judge? (7:1–6)

C. Jesus Instructs on Entering the Kingdom (7:7–27)

1. What is our Father in heaven wanting to give us? (7:7–14)
2. How can we tell a good tree from a bad tree? (7:15–27)

D. Response to the Sermon (7:28–29)

1. Why were the people astonished at His teaching? (7:28–29)
2. What was the difference between the teaching of Jesus and the scribes? (7:29)

Part Three: The Power of the King (8:1–11:1)

I. The Demonstration of the King's Power (8:1–9:34)

A. Miracles of Healing (8:1–17)

1. Why was the leper told to go to the priest? (8:4)
2. Describe the attitude of the centurion at Capernaum. (8:8)
3. How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah? (8:17; cf. Isa 53:4)

B. Demands of Discipleship (8:18–22)

1. In this passage, what did the Lord lack? (8:20)

2. Explain the phrase, “let the dead bury their own dead.” (8:22)

C. Miracles of Power (8:23–9:8)

1. What did the Lord tell those of “little faith”? (8:26)
2. What did the demon-possessed men in the country of the Gergesenes tell Jesus? Please explain what they said. (8:29)
3. Why were the scribes at Capernaum so upset with Jesus? (9:3)

D. Distinctions of Disciples (9:9–17)

1. Where did the Lord find Matthew? What was his occupation? (9:9)
2. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach when he spoke about putting “new wine” into “old wineskins”? (9:17)

E. Miracles of Restoration (9:18–34)

1. How was the woman with the flow of blood made well? (9:20–21)
2. What warning did Jesus give to the blind men He had healed? Why? (9:30)

II. The Delegation of the King's Power (9:35–11:1)

A. The Need for Delegation of Power (9:35–38)

1. Why was Jesus moved with compassion? (9:36)
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples to pray for? (9:37–38)

B. The Twelve Apostles Are Sent (10:1–4)

1. What power did Jesus give to His apostles? (10:1)
2. Where do we find the qualifications needed to be an apostle? (cf. Acts 1:9–26)

C. The Twelve Apostles Are Instructed (10:5–11:1)

1. Where were the apostles sent? Where were they to avoid? (10:5–6)
2. What warnings did Jesus give the apostles? (10:16–26)
3. How did the Lord comfort the apostles? (10:27–42)

Part Four: The Progressive Rejection of the King (11:2–16:12)

I. The Commencement of Rejection (11:2–30)

A. Rejection of John the Baptist (11:2–15)

1. Why did John send two of his disciples to Jesus? (11:2)
2. What message did Jesus give to these two men? (11:4–6)

B. Rejection by Jesus' Generation (11:16–19)

1. What did Jesus compare His generation to? (11:16–17)
2. What accusation did the people make about John? About Jesus? (11:18–19)

C. Rejection of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (11:20–24)

1. Why did the Lord pronounce woes upon Chorazin and Bethsaida? (11:21)
2. Why will it be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for Chorazin and Bethsaida? (11:22–24)

D. Invitation to Come to Jesus (11:25–30)

1. Who are the ones who “labor and are heavy laden”? (11:28)

2. What is the “yoke” of Christ? (Matt 11:29–30) How does Deuteronomy 22:10 aid us in our understanding of these verses?

II. The Rejection of Christ by the Pharisees (12:1–50)

A. Controversy over Sabbath–Labor (12:1–8)

1. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus and His disciples? (12:1–2)
2. What had David done with the showbread? (12:3–4)

B. Controversy over Sabbath–Healing (12:9–13)

1. According to the Law of Moses, was it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? (12:10)
2. How did Jesus justify His healing a man on the Sabbath? (12:11–12)

C. Pharisees Plan to Destroy Christ (12:14–21)

1. Why did Jesus warn people to not “make Him known”? (12:16–21)
2. In the passage quoted from Isaiah 42:1–4, how was the Messiah portrayed?

D. Pharisees Blaspheme the Holy Spirit (12:22–30)

1. What made the Jews think Jesus was “the Son of David”? (12:22–23)

2. What accusation did the Pharisees make against Jesus? (12:24)

E. Pharisees Blaspheme the Holy Spirit (12:31–37)

1. What does the word “blasphemy” mean? (12:31)
2. What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Can one commit this sin today? (12:32)

F. Pharisees Demand a Sign (12:38–45)

1. What did the scribes and Pharisees demand of Jesus? (12:38)
2. Why will the men of Nineveh rise up in the judgment with that generation and condemn it? (12:41)

G. Jesus and the True Brethren (12:46–50)

1. What did our Lord’s mother and brothers want from Jesus? (12:46)
2. How could one become a “brother” of the Lord? (12:49–50)

III. The Consequences of the Rejection (13:1–53)

A. Parables Spoken to the Multitude (13:1–35)

1. What can we learn from the parable of the sower? (13:1–9, 18–23)

2. Why did Jesus teach in parables? (13:11–17)

3. What is “the kingdom of heaven”? (13:11)

4. What message did Jesus impart when He told of the man who “sowed tares among the wheat”? (13:24–30)

5. Why is the kingdom of heaven “like a mustard seed”? (13:31)

6. Why is the kingdom of heaven “like leaven”? (13:33)

B. Parables Spoken to the Disciples (13:36–53)

1. How is the kingdom of heaven like “a treasure hidden in a field” and “a pearl of great price”? (13:44–46)

2. Why is the kingdom of heaven “like a dragnet”? (13:47–50)

IV. The Continuing Rejection of the King (13:54–16:12)

A. Rejection at Nazareth (13:54–58)

1. How did the residents of Nazareth view Jesus? Why? (13:54–56)

2. Why did Jesus “not do many mighty works” in Nazareth? (13:58)

B. Rejection by Herod (14:1–36)

1. Why did Herod think Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead? (14:2)
2. How and why did John die? (14:3–12)
3. How and why did Jesus feed the great multitude? (14:13–21)
4. What did Peter want Jesus to command him to do? (14:22–39)

C. Rejection by Scribes and Pharisees (15:1–39)

1. What problem did the scribes and Pharisees have with the disciples of Jesus? (15:1–2)
2. What did Jesus teach about the value of human traditions? (15:3–9)
3. Why did the multitude glorify the God of Israel? (15:29–31)

D. Rejection by Pharisees and Sadducees (16:1–12)

1. What did the Pharisees and Sadducees request of Jesus? Why? (16:1)
2. What is the “leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees”? (16:6)

Part Five: The Preparation of the King's Disciples (16:13–20:28)

I. The Revelation in View of Rejection (16:13–17:13)

A. Revelation of the Person of the King (16:13–17)

1. What happened at Caesarea Philippi? Why is this area so important? (16:13–16)
2. *How* did the Father in heaven reveal the identity of Jesus to Peter? (16:17)

B. Revelation of the Program of the King (16:18–17:13)

1. What is the foundation of the church? (16:18)
2. What did Jesus begin “to show to His disciples”? (16:21)
3. Why was Peter an “offense” to Jesus? (16:23)
4. Name all of those present at the Transfiguration of Jesus. (17:1; cf. 2 Pet 1:16–18)
5. What did Jesus teach about the coming of Elijah? (17:10; cf. Luke 1:13–17)

II. The Instruction in View of Rejection (17:14–20:28)

A. Instruction About Faith (17:14–21)

1. Why did the disciples fail to cure the epileptic boy? (17:14–16)

2. What did Jesus teach about faith? (17:20)

B. Instruction About Jesus' Death (17:22–23)

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples about His death? (17:22–23)

2. How did they react to this news? (17:23)

C. Instruction About Taxes (17:24–27)

1. What question was posed to Peter at Capernaum?

2. How did Jesus pay the temple tax? What was this money later used for?

D. Instruction About Humility (18:1–5)

1. What question did the disciples have for Jesus? (18:1)

2. Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? (18:4)

E. Instruction About Causing Offense (18:6–20)

1. Did Jesus advocate self-mutilation? If not, what was He teaching? (18:6–9)

2. What can we learn from the story of the lost sheep? (18:10–14)

3. How does the Lord command us to deal with a problem against a brother? (18:15–17)

F. Instruction About Forgiveness (18:21–35)

1. Peter asked the Lord if he should forgive his brother seven times. How did Peter come up with this number? Did Peter think he was generous? (18:21)
2. What are we to learn from the parable of the unmerciful servant? (18:23–35)

G. Instruction About Divorce (19:1–15)

1. What question did the Pharisees have about divorce? (19:3)
2. How did Jesus answer them? (19:4–6)
3. What is God’s law for marriage, divorce and remarriage? (19:8–9)

H. Instruction About Wealth (19:16–20:16)

1. Why did the rich young ruler leave Christ sorrowful? (19:16–22)
2. What had the disciples given up to follow Jesus? (19:27)
3. How and when would the apostles “sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel”? (19:28)

4. Was the vineyard owner a just or unjust man? Why? (20:1–15)

I. Instruction About Jesus' Death (20:17–19)

1. Where was Jesus going with His disciples? (20:17)

2. What did Jesus privately tell the twelve? (20:18–19)

J. Instruction About Ambition (20:20–28)

1. What did the mother of Zebedee's sons request of Jesus? (20:20–21)

2. How could any of the disciples drink the cup of the Lord, or be baptized with the baptism He was about to be baptized with? (20:22)

Part Six: Presentation and Rejection of the King (20:29–27:66)

I. The Blind Men Recognize the King (20:29–34)

1. What did the blind men request from the "Son of David"? (20:29–30)

2. With what emotion did Jesus look upon the blind men? (20:34)

II. The Public Presentation of the King (21:1–17)

A. The Triumphal Entry (21:1–11)

1. Why did Jesus send two disciples into a nearby village? (21:1–5; cf. Zech 9:9)

2. What prophecy was fulfilled as Jesus entered Jerusalem? (21:14–16; cf. Ps 118:26)

B. The Cleansing of the Temple (21:12–17)

1. Why were the money changers and those who sold doves at the temple? (21:12)
2. Why were the chief priests and scribes indignant? (21:15–16)

III. The Nation Rejects the King (21:18–22:46)

A. Cursing of the Fig Tree (21:18–22)

1. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree? (21:18–19)
2. What did Jesus have to say about the power of prayer? (21:21–22)

B. Conflict with Priests and Elders (21:23–22:14)

1. What question did the chief priests and the elders of the people ask Jesus? (21:23)
2. Why could the priests and the elders not answer the question about John? (21:24–27)
3. Why would tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before the priests and elders? (21:31)
4. Why were the chief priests and Pharisees so upset with the parables of Jesus? (21:45)

5. What lessons are we to learn from the parable of the wedding feast? (22:1–14)

C. Conflict with Pharisees and Herodians (22:15–22)

1. With what question did the Pharisees seek to trap Jesus? (22:15–17)

2. What do we owe Caesar? (22:18–22; cf. Rom 13:1–6)

D. Conflict with Sadducees (22:23–33)

1. With what question did the Sadducees seek to trap Jesus? (22:23–28)

2. What were the Sadducees ignorant of? (22:29–33)

E. Conflict with a Lawyer (22:34–46)

1. What is the greatest commandment? (22:34–40)

2. Whose Son is the Christ? What did David say about Him? (22:41–46)

IV. The King Rejects the Nation (23:1–39)

A. Jesus Characterizes the Pharisees (23:1–12)

1. How did the “scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat”? (23:1–2)

2. How were the multitudes to listen to the Pharisees? (22:3)

B. Jesus Condemns the Pharisees (23:13–36)

1. How did the scribes and Pharisees “shut up the kingdom of heaven”? (23:13)

2. Was there anything wrong in paying tithes of mint, anise, and cummin? (23:23)

3. How were the scribes and Pharisees “like whitewashed tombs”? (23:27)

4. What did Abel and Zechariah, son of Berechiah, have in common? (23:35)

C. Jesus Laments over Jerusalem (23:37–39)

1. Why did Jesus lament over the city of Jerusalem? (23:37)

2. What house was left desolate? What does this mean? (23:38–39)

V. Questions About The King’s Return (24:1–25:46)

A. The Temple to Be Destroyed (24:1–3)

1. What did Jesus say about the “buildings of the temple”? (24:1–2)

2. What did the disciples ask the Lord on the Mount of Olives? (24:3)

B. Signs Prior to the Destruction of Jerusalem (24:4–35)

1. How would people try to deceive the disciples? (24:4–5)
2. What was the “abomination of desolation”? (24:15; cf. Dan 11:31)
3. Who was to flee to the mountains? (24:16)
4. What was compared to lightning flashing from east to west? (24:27)
5. When and how would “the sun be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken”? (24:29)
6. What generation was to see all of these things? (24:32–35)

C. No Signs Given Prior To Our Lord’s Return (24:36–51)

1. How will “the coming of the Son of Man be”? (24:36–39)
2. Will the Son of Man come at an hour we expect? (24:39)

D. Judgment at His Return (25:1–46)

1. What was the difference between the five wise and the five foolish virgins? (25:1–13)

2. What is a talent? What are to learn from the parable of the talents? (25:14–28)

3. What will happen to unprofitable servants? (25:29–30)

4. How is the final judgment pictured in this passage? (25:31–33)

5. According to this passage, on what basis will we be judged? (25:34–46)

VI. The Passion of the King (26:1–27:66)

A. The Religious Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus (26:1–5)

1. What did Jesus say would happen at the Passover? (26:1–2)

2. At first, when did the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people want to take Jesus and kill Him? (26:3–5)

B. Mary Anoints Jesus for Burial (26:6–13)

1. Why was fragrant oil poured on Jesus at the house of Simon? Why did His disciples object to this act? (26:6–9)

2. What would be repeated as long as the “gospel is preached”? (26:10–13)

C. Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (26:14–16)

1. Why did Judas go to the chief priests? (26:14–15)
2. What is the significance of “thirty pieces of silver”? (26:15; cf. Zech 11:12)

D. The Disciples Celebrate the Passover (26:17–35)

1. What did Christ tell His disciples at His last Passover meal? (26:20–21)
2. How did Christ identify His betrayer? (26:23–25)
3. What elements were used in the institution of the Lord’s Supper? (26:26–28)
4. When would Christ drink of the fruit of the vine again with His disciples? What does this mean for us today? (26:29)
5. What sad news did Jesus give to the apostle Peter? (26:31–35)

E. Jesus Is Arrested in Gethsemane (26:36–56)

1. Why was Jesus “sorrowful and deeply distressed”? (26:36–38)
2. What did Christ request from His Father? Did God answer His prayer? (26:39–44)

3. What groups of people came to Christ when He was in Gethsemane? (26:47)

4. When Christ was arrested what did the disciples do? (26:56)

F. Jesus Is Tried (26:57–27:25)

1. Who were the first group of men to put Christ on trial? (26:57)

2. Christ was silent at the beginning of the trial. What action from the high priest forced Him to speak? What can we learn from this? (26:62–64)

3. After His first trial, how was Christ treated? (26:67–68)

4. What happened to Peter when he was in the courtyard? (26:69–75)

5. Why did the chief priests and elders of the people take Christ to Pontius Pilate the governor? What power did he have that they did not? (27:1–2)

6. What did the chief priests do with the silver pieces thrown by Judas? (27:3–10)

7. Why did Pilate let the people choose between Barabbas and Jesus? (27:15–18)

8. What advice did Pilate's wife give to him? (27:19)

G. Jesus Is Crucified (27:26–56)

1. Why did Pilate release Barabbas and deliver Christ to be crucified? (27:26)
2. How did the soldiers of the governor treat Jesus in the Praetorium? (27:27–31)
3. What work was given to Simon of Cyrene? Why? (27:32)
4. Why did the soldiers offer Christ sour wine mingled with gall to drink? Why did Christ refuse this drink? (27:34)
5. What did the soldiers do with the garments of Jesus? Why? (27:35)
6. What did those observing the crucifixion say about Jesus? (27:39–44)
7. What caused Jesus to say, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (27:46)
8. Name the women at the foot of the cross. (27:55–56)

H. Jesus Is Buried (27:57–66)

1. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? What did he request of Pilate? (27:57–61)
2. What did “the chief priests and Pharisees” request of Pilate? Why? (27:62–66)

Part Seven: The Proof of the King (28:1–20)

I. The Empty Tomb (28:1–8)

1. Who came to the tomb of Jesus on the first day of the week? (28:1)
2. What did angels tell Mary Magdalene and the other Mary? (28:5–7)

II. The Appearance of Jesus to the Women (28:9–10)

1. What Jesus tell these two women? (28:9–10)
2. How did the women react? (28:9–10)

III. The Bribery of the Soldiers (28:11–15)

1. What did “some of the guard” report to the chief priests? (28:11)
2. What did the elders and chief priests tell these guards? (28:12–15)

IV. The Appearance of Jesus to the Disciples (28:16–17)

1. Where did the eleven disciples meet the Lord? (28:16)
2. What did they do when the saw the Lord? (28:17)

V. The Great Commission (28:18–20)

1. Upon what foundation was the Great Commission given? (28:18)

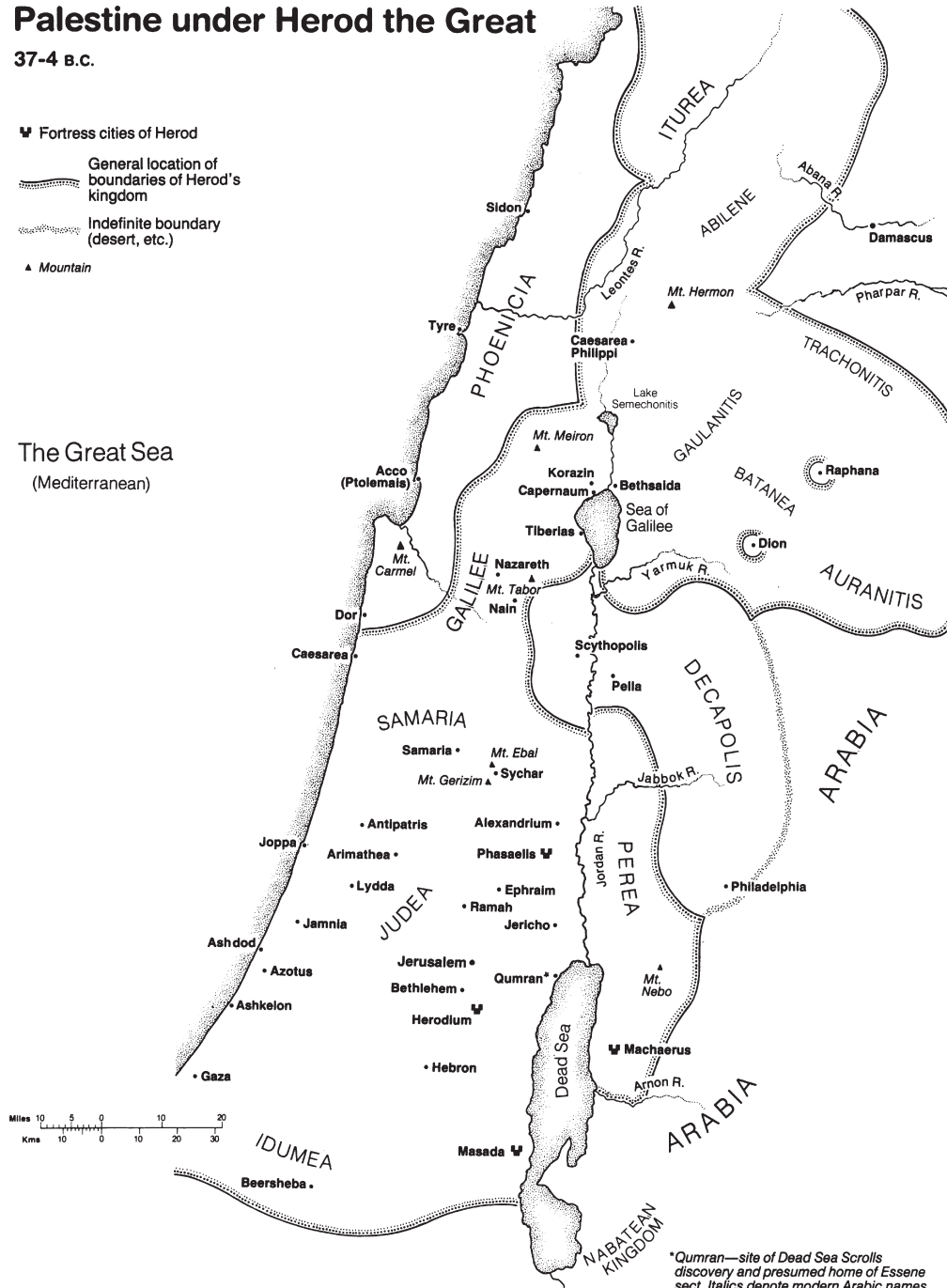
2. How long will Jesus be with His disciples? (28:20)

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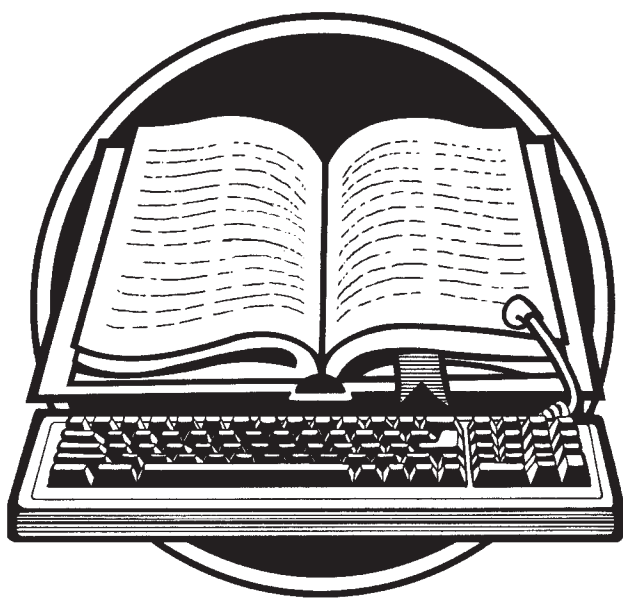
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- General location of boundaries of Herod's kingdom
- ⋯ Indefinite boundary (desert, etc.)
- ▲ Mountain

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean)



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