

*Shorter Catechism: QA 4-5 • Heidelberg: QA 3-5 • Psalter: No. 362 • Memory Verse: Matthew 9:12-13*

**Sunday:** *Matthew 8*

1. In this chapter, how does Jesus show that he is Lord over all?
2. What does this chapter teach you about faith?
3. What do you learn about the cost of following Jesus?

**Monday:** *Matthew 9*

1. What role does faith play in each of the miracles in this chapter?
2. What does Jesus say is our primary role in missionary work?

**Tuesday:** *Matthew 10*

1. A true follower of Jesus will experience both difficulties and delights. From these verses name both. In light of this what will you choose – to follow Jesus or have the acceptance of people?
2. What in this chapter gives you courage to confess Jesus before men?

**Wednesday:** *Matthew 11*

1. How did Jesus answer John's disciples when they came to Jesus with a question from John? Why was Jesus' answer a good one? (see Isaiah 35:4-6)
2. How is Jesus' warning to the cities in his day (vs.20-24), a warning to our city today?
3. Can you tell how you came to Jesus and took his yoke upon you and learned from him? And did you find rest for you soul as a result?

**Thursday:** *Matthew 12*

1. What do the words of Jesus in verse 7, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice," mean? How can this guide our judgment of people's actions?
2. What does Jesus say about speech (the words we use) in verses 31-37? And what must be done so that our words will justify and not condemn us?
3. Who is part of Jesus' family?

**Friday:** *Matthew 13*

1. What are some truths you learn from the parables that are recorded in this chapter?
2. What would prevent Jesus from doing mighty works in your life?

**Saturday:** *Matthew 14*

1. Compare Harod's feast in the palace with Jesus' feast in the desert. Where are you feasting (finding your fulfillment)?
2. What kept Peter from coming to Jesus in the storm? What keeps you from coming to Jesus in the midst of your particular storm?

*Shorter Catechism: QA 6-7 • Heidelberg: QA 6-8 • Psalter: No. 325 • Memory Verse: Matthew 16:24-26*

**Sunday:** *Matthew 15*

1. What lesson is Jesus teaching here concerning that which defiles a person? What positive action can you take to ensure that what comes out of your mouth does not defile you?
2. Although Jesus' treatment towards the mother from Canaan seems harsh, what was his loving purpose behind his words? Can you tell of a time when God's "harsh" treatment toward you was in reality his loving hand pulling you towards Him?

**Monday:** *Matthew 16*

1. Compare Peter's two reactions to Jesus (v.16 and v.22). What do his reactions tell you about Peter and indeed about all followers of Jesus? What do you learn from Jesus' responses to each of Peter's statements.
2. What is a follower of Jesus called to do in this life (vs. 24-25)? How is that worked out in your life? What motivation do we have to deny ourselves?

**Tuesday:** *Matthew 17*

1. What does this account of the transfiguration of Jesus teach us about worship?
2. In the account of the lunatic son, what lessons can you apply in your own life as you do battle against Satan and his demonic hosts

**Wednesday:** *Matthew 18*

1. What must be our attitude and behavior toward those who are little, weak, or new believers in our midst?
2. What does Jesus teach us about forgiveness? What is the basis for our forgiving, and what is the warning if we refuse to forgive a brother who has wronged us and asks to be forgiven?

**Thursday:** *Matthew 19*

1. Upon what does Jesus base the exclusivity of the institution of marriage (one man, one woman) for life? And upon what does he base the treatment of children? Are these subject to change?
2. How did the young man's response to Jesus' requirement to be perfect show that he was incapable of keeping God's commandments?

**Friday:** *Matthew 20*

1. What do you learn about God's economy in the kingdom from verses 1-16?
2. Show from verses 25-28, how God's kingdom is truly an upside down kingdom in comparison to American society and even to the visible Christian Church.
3. Which kingdom is dictating your attitude and actions, and what will you do to model the Son of Man?

**Saturday:** *Matthew 21*

1. Since we are the temple of God, how do verses 12-13, give us a blueprint of how we ought to live in the body?
2. What does the incident of the fig tree teach us about faith?
3. The gospels record numerous encounters of Jesus with the religious institution of his day. This is for our warning and instruction. What is one lesson you will apply to your life from verses 23-46?