



## WEEK ONE

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People who in their hearts want credit from people for good they have done, will not get credit from whom?

Where will we receive our reward?

### **January 8** **Matthew 6:25-7:14**

What is the reason we should not worry about meeting our basic needs?

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## WEEK ONE ANSWERS

### January 1

#### Matthew 1:1-2:12

Why was it important that Jesus descended from Abraham and from David? -God had promised to bless the whole world through Abraham (Genesis 12:3). God had promised David that his descendant would rule forever (II Samuel 7:13).

How did the visit of the Magi foreshadow the Church Age? -The Gentiles were the most prominent in worshipping Jesus.

### January 2

#### Matthew 2:13-3:6

Why does Matthew keep listing the prophecies that were fulfilled in Christ's coming? -Matthew was writing to the Jews to convince them that Jesus is their promised Messiah.

What was the preparation needed for the coming kingdom of God? -Repentance. The reason the kingdom was taken from the Jews was sin, so logically, they must shed sin if they expect the kingdom to come.

### January 3

#### Matthew 3:7-4:11

According to John, what was wrong with the Jewish leaders? -They trusted in their bloodline to make them right with God and did not produce the fruit of genuine repentance.

Who lacked righteousness requiring the baptism of Jesus for repentance? -We did. This inaugurated Jesus' ministry of identification with sinners in which He received our sin and we received His righteousness.

### January 4

#### Matthew 4:12-25

What one verse summarizes Jesus' message? -4:17 Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. It was the same as John (and the OT) Obviously the kingdom would begin with judgment on sin and everyone had a need to repent and stop sinning so they would be on the right side of that judgment.

Why was Jesus' teaching called "Good News"? -He not only condemned sin, but He also brought a great power over sin, represented by His healing ministry.

For what purpose did Jesus call people to follow Him? -to learn how to fish for men.

### January 5

#### Matthew 5:1-26

In the Beatitudes, how does being blessed begin? -A recognition of my spiritual poverty is the beginning. This leads to the other characteristics and blessings listed.

What kind of righteousness indicates a person who will enter the kingdom? -A person must pursue the heart of God **behind** the command. Merely avoiding murder is not good enough. One must avoid anger and constantly seek reconciliation.

### January 6

#### Matthew 5:27-48

What kind of sexual purity did Jesus teach? -Be pure in mind as well as body.

In the end, what level of righteousness does God expect? "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Jesus raised the standard to where no one could meet it.

### January 7

#### Matthew 6:1-24

People who in their hearts want credit from people for good they have done, will not get credit from whom? -God. True faith expects a reward only from Him.

Where will we receive our reward? -in heaven, not here

**January 8**  
**Matthew 6:25-7:14**

What is the reason we should not worry about meeting our basic needs? -God has already shouldered that concern. We show our trust in Him by making His kingdom our first concern.

Why do only a few enter God's Kingdom? -It requires a radical transformation as the Sermon on the Mount shows, and most think they only need minor adjustments.