Gospel of Matthew Bible Quiz

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. According to Matthew 3:5–6, in which river does John baptize the people who come to him?
   - A. The Jordan
   - B. The Nile
   - C. The Euphrates
   - D. The Tigris

   Correct answer: A. The Jordan
   Matthew places the baptisms in the Jordan River. The passage describes people coming from Jerusalem, Judea, and the area around the Jordan.

2. In the household example in Matthew 5:14–16, where is a lit lamp placed so that everyone inside can see by it?
   - A. In a closed cupboard
   - B. Under a basket
   - C. On a lampstand
   - D. Behind a curtain

   Correct answer: C. On a lampstand
   The lamp goes on a stand where its light can reach everyone in the house.

3. In Matthew 6:25–26, which creatures are fed even though they plant no crops and store nothing in barns?
   - A. Fish of the sea
   - B. Birds of the sky
   - C. Sheep of the fields
   - D. Camels of the desert

   Correct answer: B. Birds of the sky
   Jesus points to birds as an example. The passage describes them receiving food even though they grow and store no crops.

4. Where is Matthew sitting when Jesus calls him to follow in Matthew 9:9?
   - A. By a town well
   - B. In a fishing boat
   - C. At a wedding table
   - D. At a tax collection office

   Correct answer: D. At a tax collection office
   Matthew is sitting where taxes are collected. He gets up to follow Jesus.

5. In Matthew 14:15–18, what food do the disciples say they have when they are asked to feed the crowd?

A. Two loaves and five fish
B. Five loaves and two fish
C. Seven loaves and two fish
D. Five loaves and seven fish

Correct answer: B. Five loaves and two fish
The disciples count five loaves and two fish. Jesus asks them to bring the food to him.

6. Rain, floodwater, and wind reach both houses in Matthew 7:24–27. What happens to the houses?

A. The house on rock stands and the house on sand falls.
B. The house on sand stands and the house on rock falls.
C. Both houses stand through the storm.
D. Both houses fall in the storm.

Correct answer: A. The house on rock stands and the house on sand falls.
The two houses face the same conditions. The house on rock remains standing, and the house on sand collapses.

7. In Matthew 13:44–46, one person finds hidden treasure and a merchant finds a valuable pearl. What do both people do after their discoveries?

A. Ask someone else to buy the discovery for them
B. Sell the valuable item they just found
C. Hide the discovery and leave without buying anything
D. Sell what they own to make a purchase

Correct answer: D. Sell what they own to make a purchase
The finder sells his possessions to buy the field that holds the treasure. The merchant sells his possessions to buy the pearl.

8. In Matthew 16:13–16, the disciples report what other people call Jesus. What answer does Simon Peter give when Jesus asks the disciples themselves?

A. Elijah
B. John the Baptist
C. The Christ, the Son of the living God
D. Jeremiah

Correct answer: C. The Christ, the Son of the living God
John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah are among the views the disciples report. Peter answers for himself by calling Jesus the Christ, or Messiah, and the Son of the living God.

9. In Matthew 17:1–3, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain. Which pair appears and speaks with Jesus there?

A. Moses and Elijah
B. Moses and Aaron
C. Elijah and Elisha
D. Abraham and Isaac

Correct answer: A. Moses and Elijah
Peter, James, and John go up the mountain with Jesus. They see Moses and Elijah appear and talk with him.

10. In Matthew 21:28–31, a father asks two sons to work in his vineyard. Which son actually goes to work?

A. Neither son, even after both agree
B. The son who agrees when asked and then stays away
C. Both sons, after initially refusing
D. The son who first refuses and later changes his mind

Correct answer: D. The son who first refuses and later changes his mind
One son initially refuses but changes his mind and goes. The other gives a willing answer and stays away.

11. A reader puts the settings of the scenes in Matthew 4:1–11 on three cards. Which order follows the passage?

A. High mountain, temple, wilderness
B. Temple, wilderness, high mountain
C. Wilderness, temple, high mountain
D. Wilderness, high mountain, temple

Correct answer: C. Wilderness, temple, high mountain
The passage begins in the wilderness. Its next scene is at the temple in the holy city, followed by a scene on a high mountain.

12. A reader compares the first and last groups hired in Matthew 20:1–10. Which note gives both the order of payment and the amount paid to each worker in those groups?

A. The first group is paid first. Each worker in both groups receives one denarius.
B. The last group is paid first. Each worker in both groups receives one denarius.
C. The last group is paid first. Each worker in the first group receives two denarii.
D. The first group is paid first. Each worker in the last group receives two denarii.

Correct answer: B. The last group is paid first. Each worker in both groups receives one denarius.
The owner asks the manager to start with the last workers hired. Each of those workers receives one denarius, and each worker hired first receives the same amount.

13. In Matthew 22:17–21 the speakers ask Jesus about paying a tax. Which sequence accurately follows their question?

A. The speakers ask for a coin, Jesus identifies Caesar, and the speakers ask about the image.
B. Jesus asks about an inscription, receives a coin, and hears them identify the temple.
C. The speakers identify Caesar, Jesus asks for a coin, and the speakers ask about its inscription.
D. Jesus asks for a coin, asks about its image and inscription, and hears them identify Caesar.

Correct answer: D. Jesus asks for a coin, asks about its image and inscription, and hears them identify Caesar.

Jesus first asks to see the coin used for the tax. He then asks whose image and inscription it carries, and the others name Caesar.

14. In Matthew 25:14–22, two servants receive five talents and two talents, respectively. When the owner returns, how many additional talents do those two servants report, in the same order?

A. Five and two
B. Ten and four
C. Two and five
D. Five and one

Correct answer: A. Five and two

The servant given five reports gaining five more, and the servant given two reports gaining two more. Ten and four are their totals after those gains.

15. Matthew 28:5–10 gives a message to the women, and 28:16–20 describes a later meeting with the disciples. Which summary assigns the directions to the right people?

A. The women are to tell the disciples to go to Galilee. Jesus later tells the gathered disciples to keep their teaching within Galilee.
B. The women are to tell the disciples to remain in Jerusalem. Jesus later tells the gathered disciples to meet him at the tomb.
C. The women are to tell the disciples to go to Galilee. Jesus later tells the gathered disciples to make disciples of all nations.
D. The women are to tell the disciples to stay in Jerusalem. Jesus later tells the gathered disciples to make disciples of all nations.

Correct answer: C. The women are to tell the disciples to go to Galilee. Jesus later tells the gathered disciples to make disciples of all nations.

The message carried by the women concerns where the disciples will see Jesus. At the mountain meeting in Galilee, Jesus gives the gathered disciples a wider mission.