

# The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application

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### ► Ch. 19-25 – THIRD SECTION: Judea

- v. 1-12: Pharisees Test the Teacher
  - v. 1-2 – Beyond the Jordan (Peraea)
  - v. 3-12: Is it lawful to divorce (Gk. *Apolusai*: "put away," dismiss) his wife for any cause? (L. *divortium*; "annul")
    - Gen. 1:27 – God made male + female
    - Gen. 2:24 – Man leaves family to be "united" with his wife; one flesh
    - Deut. 24:1-4 – Moses authorizes divorce
    - Law shaped by context (people, places, experiences, and problems)
    - Disciples question celibacy



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### ▶ v. 13-15 - Blessing of Children

- ▶ Children brought to Jesus; disciples' stern correction
  - ▶ Jesus' reply: "for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs;" Jesus blessed the children

### ▶ v. 16-30 – The Rich Young Ruler

- ▶ Question: Essential act for salvation (to be saved = inherit eternal life = enter the kingdom of God)?
  - ▶ v. 17 - Keep keeping the commandments (Ex. 20:12-16; Dt. 5:16-20; Lev. 18:5); "I have kept all these; what do I...lack?"
  - ▶ V. 21 - Perfect – charity, sacrifice, chastity, community?
  - ▶ Young man went away grieving for his many possessions

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### ▶ v. 16-30 – The Rich Young Ruler (continued)

- ▶ v. 23-26 Hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom
  - ▶ Disciples astounded and question "Who can be saved?"
  - ▶ Jesus' answer: God (possibilities) (Gen. 18:14; Jer. 32:17)
- ▶ v. 27-30 – Apostles' complaint: abandoned everything
  - ▶ Jesus' answer: "at the renewal of all things" (eschaton)
    - ▶ Son of Man = enthroned
    - ▶ Apostles = twelve thrones, judging the 12 Tribes of Israel
    - ▶ Disciples – abandoned all rewarded with eternal life
    - ▶ Kingdom Paradox: "many who are first will be last, and the last will be first"

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