Assignments on Matthew 4

Please read Matthew 4 (note parallels in other accounts) and answer these questions.

1. Where did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus, and for what purpose – 4:1? What did He do when He was there? For how long – 4:2?

2. How did Satan tempt Jesus in 4:3? Explain why this would be a temptation to Him.

3. How did Jesus answer Satan – 4:4? Where is this Old Testament passage found?

4. Application: What can we learn from Jesus' answer about proper priorities? What can we learn about proper applications of God's word?

5. Where did Satan take Jesus, and what did he tempt Him to do – 4:5,6? What Old Testament Scriptures did he quote? Explain why this would have been difficult to resist.

6. How did Jesus answer this temptation – 4:7? Where is this passage found in the Old Testament?

7. Application: Explain why Jesus' answer was a good response to the temptation. What can we learn about the proper use of Scripture?

8. Describe the next temptation – 4:8,9. Why would this have been difficult for Jesus?

9. How did Jesus respond to this temptation – 4:10? Where is this passage found in the Old Testament? What can we learn about proper worship?

10. Application: Why is the temptation of Jesus important to us? Note Hebrews 4:15. What lessons can we learn about resisting temptation?

11. Where did Jesus go - 4:12,13 (see map)? What event caused Him to go there?

12. What Old Testament prophecy did this fulfill – 4:14-16? Where is this passage found?

13. What message did Jesus preach – 4:17? How did this compare to the preaching of John the Baptist? (Think: Were Jesus and John mistaken, as some people believe, when they said the kingdom was at hand?)

14. Whom did Jesus find in 4:18? What were they doing, and where did this occur?

15. What instruction did He give them, and how did they respond - 4:19,20?

16. Explain the significance of the illustration about fishing for men. In what way was the work Jesus had for them to do like fishing?

17. Who else did Jesus call – 4:21,22? What were they doing? How did they respond?

18. Application: Was this the first time these men had ever learned anything about Jesus? What can we learn from their response to His call?

19. Where did Jesus go and what did he do - 4:23,24? What was the result?

20. Application: What kind of problems was Jesus able to heal? What can we learn from the miracles He accomplished? How do these compare to modern so-called faith healers?