ONE CHAPTER A DAY

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

***Read Matthew 1 – The Historical Reality of Jesus***

1. Why is the genealogy of Jesus important to the Jews?
2. What did the prophets say about the Messiah?
3. Some Christians downplay the importance of the "Old" Testament. What would Matthew say to them?

- My Insights Are:
- My Questions Are:

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

***Read Matthew 2 -The Early Years***

1. What is the importance of the Magi? Where are they from? How did they know about Jesus?
2. Although Herod is "king", what political power is really in control? How secure was his throne?
3. Why did Joseph and his family flee to Egypt specifically? Do you think that they had relatives there?

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

***Read Matthew 3 - Baptism***

1. What was the role of John the Baptist? Was he a prophet? He and Jesus were cousins. Do you think that they had had "theological" discussions in the past?
2. Why did so many Jews go into the wilderness to get baptized? What were they seeking?
3. Why did Jesus get baptized?

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## MY NOTES

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

***Read Matthew 4 – The Tempter's Attack***

1. Why was Jesus in the wilderness? Are you prepared to be tempted by Satan?
2. What are the three basic areas of temptation Satan uses against Jesus? What are your weak points?
3. Does Satan know Scripture? Does Jesus? Do we?

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

***Read Matthew 5 – Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount***

1. Many unbelievers say that Jesus was a great teacher, based on the Sermon on the Mount. To whom was it addressed?
2. Are the Beatitudes independent of each other or is Jesus teaching that believers should have all these traits and yearnings?
3. Invert the blessings to curses. For example, "woe to those who are merciless for they shall NOT receive mercy." What is God's view of justice? How do we respond to His requirement of righteousness?
4. What is Jesus' role in light of the Law?

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

***Read Matthew 6 – Piety, Lord's Prayer, Trust***

1. Jesus discusses giving and praying to be seen by man. Why is that wrong? What is our motivation? What do you think about buildings or schools of study named after benefactors?
2. Jesus said, "In this manner", setting out the "Lord's prayer" both as valuable in itself but also as a form of pious prayer. What is the first petition? Do we hallow God's name or profane it?
3. Where is your treasure? In what do you place your hope?

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