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MATTHEW			
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The King	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"
Scope	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve
Location	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea
People's Reaction	Increased popularity		Increased hostility
Theme	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.		
Key Verses	16:16-19; 28:18-20		
Christ in Matthew	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16-19; 28:18-20).		

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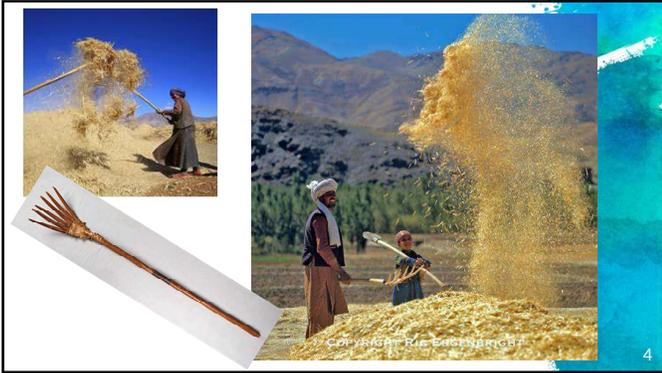
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Matthew 3:12 ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

What is the meaning of the winnowing fork?

What are the wheat, chaff, and unquenchable fire?

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What has Jesus been doing in the 28+ years since He was last mentioned in Matthew?

What does this portion of Scripture document?

How did John recognize Jesus as the Messiah?

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Why would Jesus come to John to be baptized for repentance?

Why did John initially refuse to baptize Jesus?

What does it mean to fulfill all righteousness?

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Who is baptized here?

What does it mean that the heavens were opened?

What is the significance of the Spirit of God descending?

Why is a dove representative of the Holy Spirit?

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Was the Spirit of God and the voice from Heaven seen/heard by all those present?

What is the significance of the statement, "This is My Son in whom I am well pleased"?

What theological proof is undeniably given here?

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Ideas,
Thoughts,
Comments?

Thank you!

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