



QUESTIONS for April 9, 2024

The Gospel According to Matthew

Read Matthew 1:18-4:16

1) As you go through these readings, keep track of the places Matthew quotes Old Testament prophecy or refers to a prophet. List those references below (list the OT Scriptures):

Now take time to go back into the Old Testament and read the references in their context, perhaps reading the entire chapter they are found in. Make notes below of what you notice in the references.

How do the references enhance your reading of these verses in Matthew?

2) What do you think is significant about Jesus' references to Scripture (the Old Testament)?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Reread the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness in Chapter 4.

How would you put into your own words the theme of each temptation? (power, etc.)

What does it mean for you to have a savior who was tempted just like you? What does he teach us about overcoming temptation?

Find 15-30 minutes when you can be alone in silence. Ask the Spirit to be present to you and to help you examine your thoughts and heart.

What are the things that "tempt" you?

What are the things that you tend to think may make your life better in the short term, but in the long term they do not?

What desires might you have that are not in and of themselves "bad," but could become sinful if they become priorities in your life?