

# Jesus Calls and Teaches His Disciples (Part 1)

Matthew 4:18-25; 9:9-13; 5:1-16





# Your Questions...?

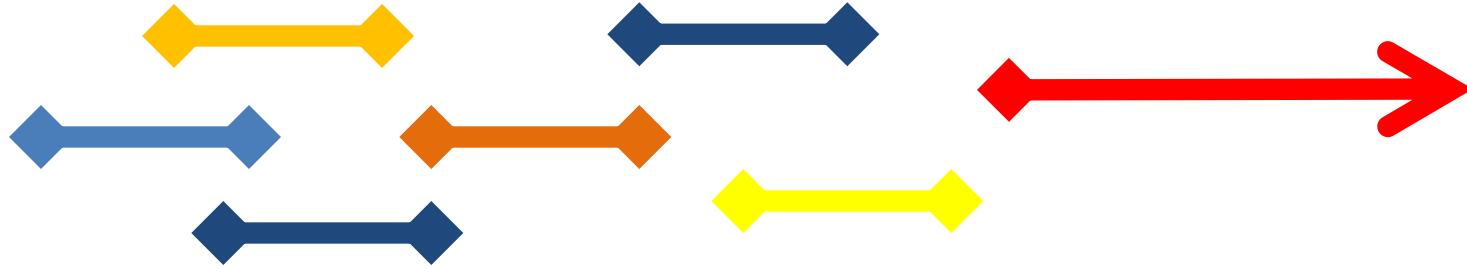


Luke (chronological)

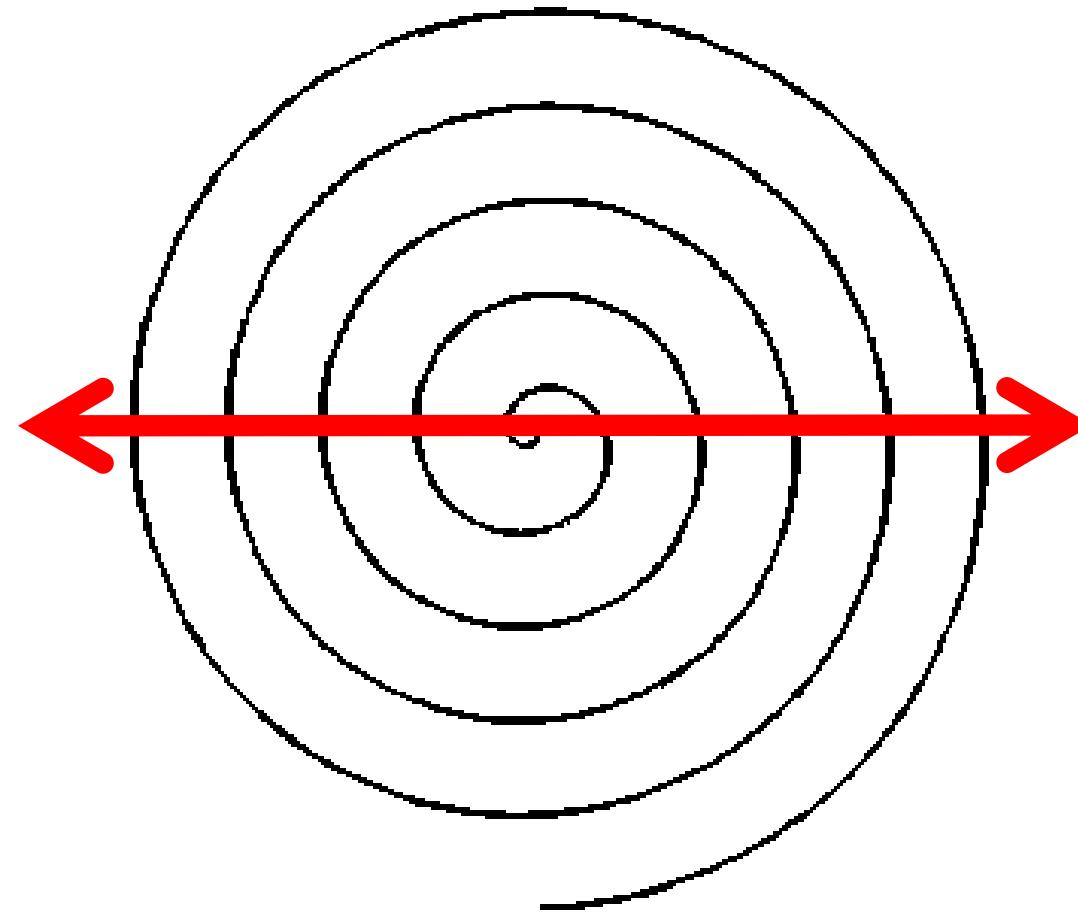


Matthew (topical)

# Mark (action movie)



John (spiral)



# ALL FOUR RETELL...

- The baptism of Jesus
- The miracles and teachings of Jesus
- Jesus raising someone from the dead
- The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

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# Context.

# WHO?



# Peter & Andrew James & John

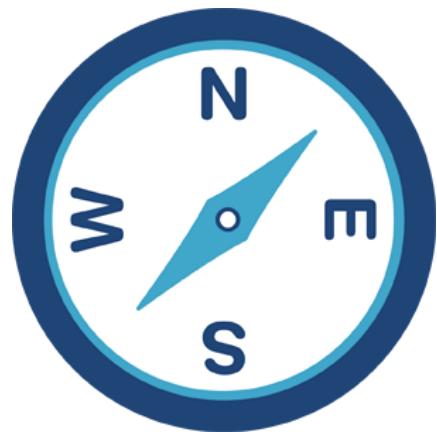


# Matthew / Levi



# WHEN?

- Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry (~27-28 A.D.).



**WHERE**

# JESUS' MINISTRY

Jesus calls  
Matthew/Levi

THE GREAT SEA  
(MEDITERRANEAN SEA)

PHOENICIA

GALILEE

Capernaum

Cana

Nazareth

Nain

Caesarea

SAMARIA

Sychar  
(Jacob's Well)

JORDAN RIVER

Caesarea  
Philippi

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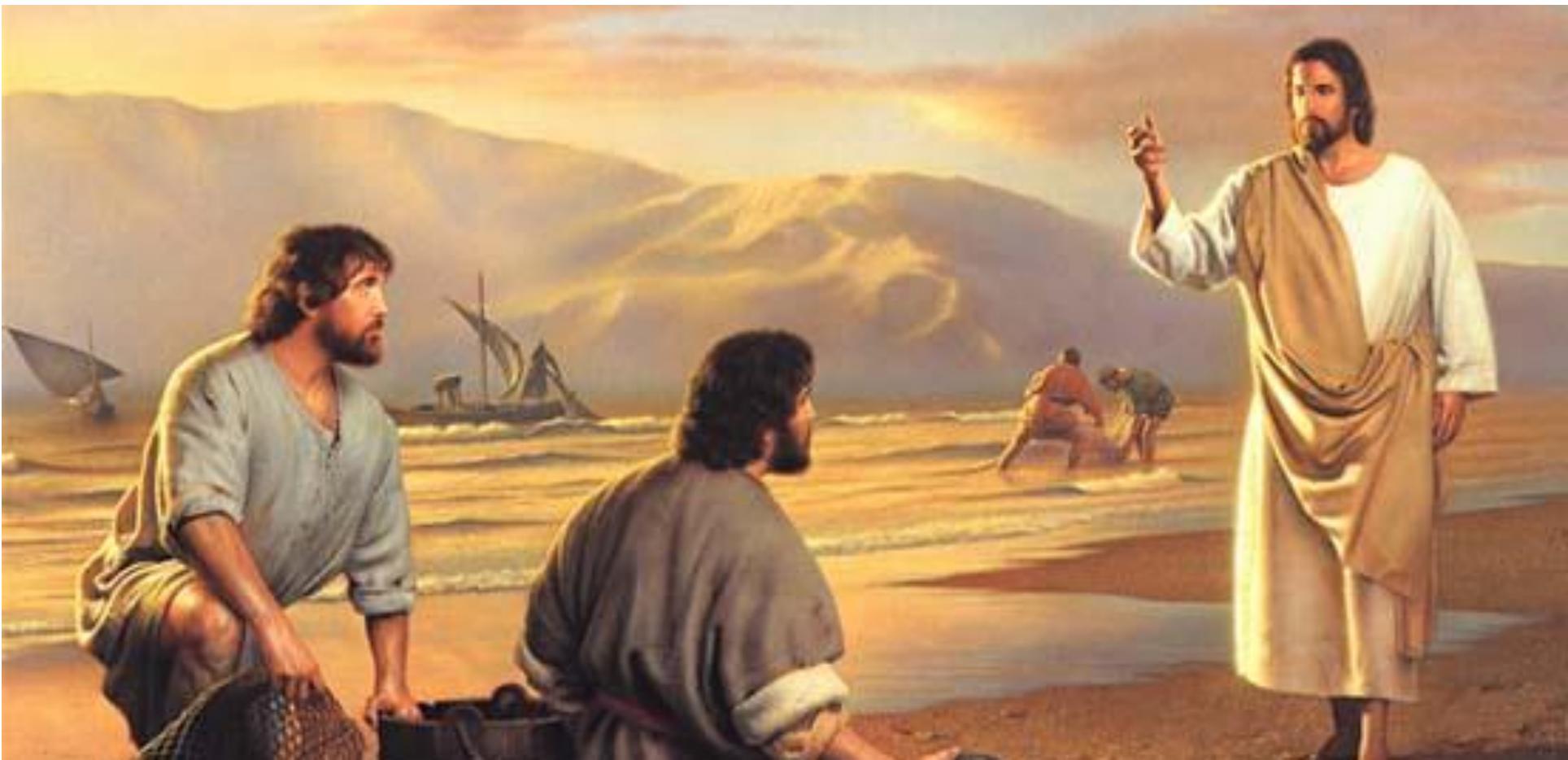
Jesus calls his first  
disciples to full-time  
ministry

# The Story



# Read: Matthew 4:18-22

1.) Jesus called these four men into fulltime ministry.  
What do you find surprising about this section?



- There was no “interview”
- These were “ordinary” men
- These men immediately left everything and everyone behind and followed Jesus!

\*2.) What does Jesus mean by saying, “You will be fishers of men?”

- They were going to “catch” souls with God’s Word (the law and gospel) and bring them into God’s kingdom
- By faith Jesus calls us to do the same!

Read: Matthew 9:9-13

1.) Why was it so surprising that Jesus would call a tax collector like Matthew to be his disciple?



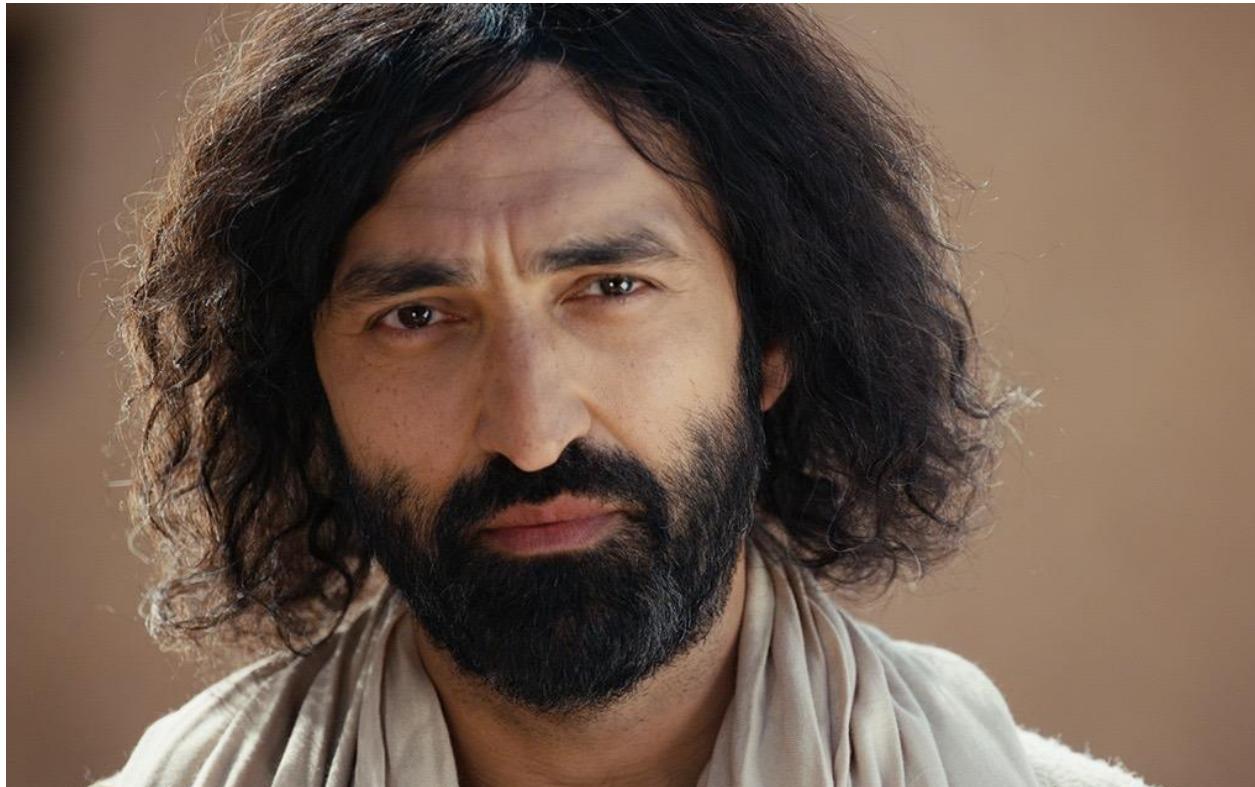
- Tax collector were seen as being cheats and pawns of the Roman government
- They were shunned by other Jews and lumped together with prostitutes and other “sinners” as the worst of the worst



\*2.) Matthew followed Jesus and threw a party for Jesus and his friends at his house. The religious leaders criticized Jesus for keeping “bad company.” How did Jesus respond? (v. 12-13)



- These were the very sin-sick people that he had come to call into God's kingdom
- They realized their need for a Savior
- Jesus doesn't want us to be self-righteous but to confess our sinfulness and need for him



- When we tell others about Jesus it's critical that we use God's Word to show them that they (like us) are sinners, who can never be good enough for God, but he heals the broken with his forgiveness and love.



## Read: Matthew 4:23-25

- Notice the variety of medical conditions and afflictions that Jesus instantly healed! There was no ailment that Jesus couldn't cure!



# Matthew 5:1-12

1.) How would you define the word “blessed”?



- It means to be fortunate, favored by God, and happy



## Read: Matthew 5:1-12

\*2.) God's truth is usually the opposite of how our world naturally looks at things. How can believers be blessed/happy when...

a.) ...we mourn? (v.4)

- We know we are still loved and forgiven.
- We have God's promise that believing loved ones are in heaven.

## Read: Matthew 5:1-12

- \*2.) God's truth is usually the opposite of how our world naturally looks at things. How can believers be blessed/happy when...
- b.) ...we are meek/lowly/insignificant? (v. 5)
  - We are sons and daughters of God! The highest status in the world!

## Read: Matthew 5:1-12

\*2.) God's truth is usually the opposite of how our world naturally looks at things. How can believers be blessed/happy when...

c.) ...we are persecuted (v. 10-12)

— This shows we are following Jesus because the world has never been kind to his followers.

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

1.) Here Jesus compares believers to salt and light.  
What are some common uses for salt?



- For flavoring food... making it taste good
- Preserving things from spoiling

\*What's the point?

- Christians preserve this sinful rotten world from becoming totally corrupt



\*2.) Our faith in Christ should be obvious by the lives we lead. What is our goal in doing good works? (v. 16)

you are the

light

of the world

a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden



- We hope that our “different” lives will draw praise and attention to God (not ourselves), which gives us an opportunity to share God’s Word.

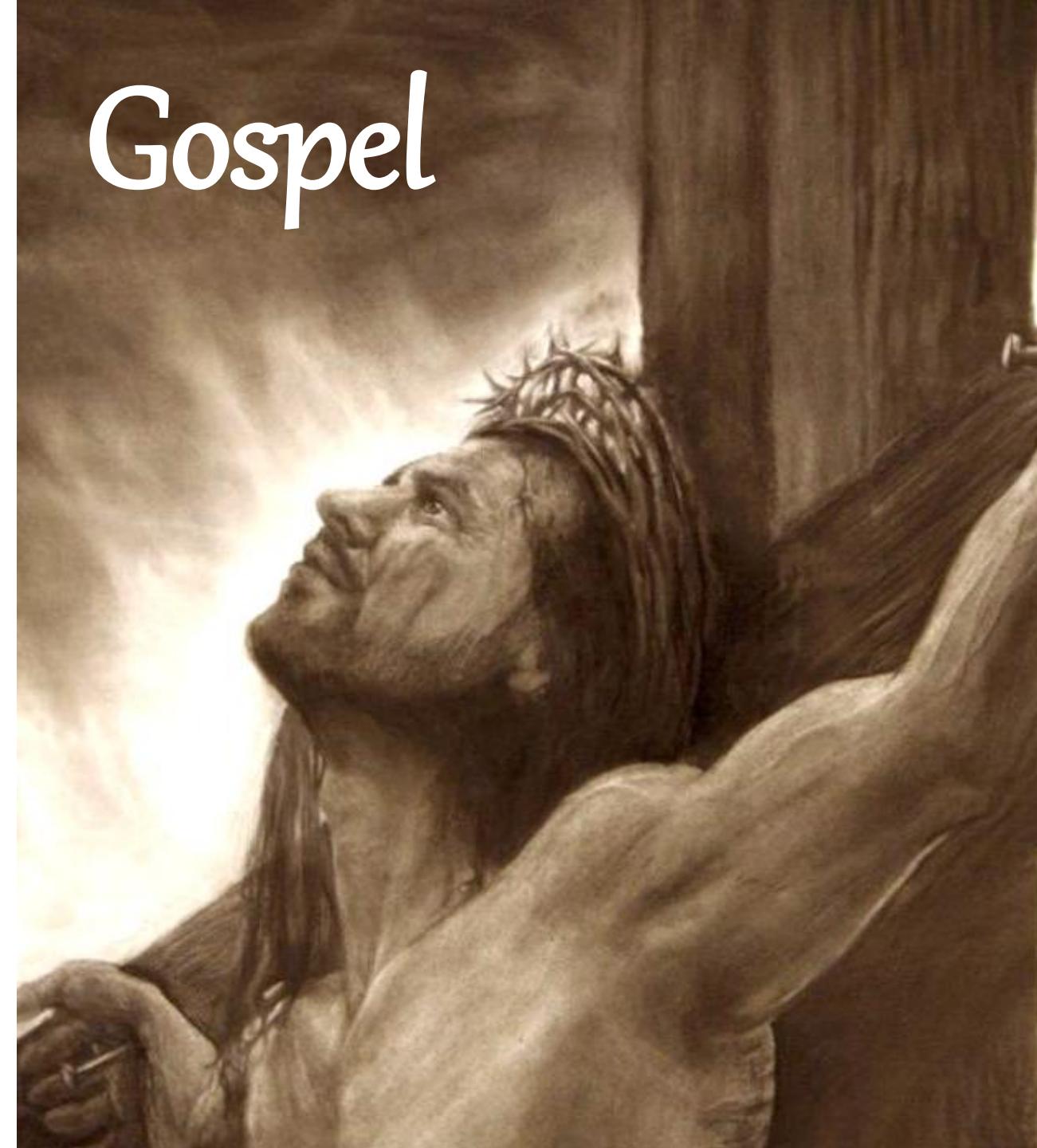
LIGHT OF THE WORLD



# LAW



# Gospel



# LAW

- God's commands, threats, punishments...
  - Jesus called men to follow him
  - People are “sick” with sin and need a Savior
  - As we follow Christ we can expect all kinds of trouble and persecution
  - Believers are to live godly lives to God's glory

# GOSPEL

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
  - Jesus called “ordinary” sinners (like us!) to follow him
  - Jesus healed the effects of sin in the world
  - God promises to bless and comfort us as we follow Christ

# Service Opportunity

Serve the Lenten  
meal on Ash  
Wednesday  
(February 18<sup>th</sup>)  
from 5:30-6:45  
with worship at  
7:00



DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT YOU ARE  
CALLED  
TO DO ?

**Complete Spiritual Gift Survey and text/e-mail me your top three gifts**

**Read**

- Matthew 5:17-6:4, 6:16-7:6; 7:13-7:29
- Complete Reading Reflection Guide

**Memory Work:**

- *Matthew 5:48*
- *The Eighth Commandment*
- *John 8:31b,32*

