<u>Book One</u>
Narrative: Ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus's Preparation for Ministry in Galilee
Chapter 3-4
September 22nd

Read chapters 3-4 and list the main ideas in <u>brief</u> bullet points.

Who does Matthew introduce in 3:1?

What do we know about him from the following verses:

Luke 1:5, 11-13:

Luke 1:14-17:

Luke 1:27, 36-37:

Where is John preaching (3:1)?

What is his message (3:2)?

How do you interpret this message?

Read the following verses: Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:1-4; Luke 3:2-6; John 1:22-23. What connection do all 4 Gospel writers make between John the Baptist's ministry and Isaiah 40:3-5?

Isaiah 40-55 proclaim a message of comfort and hope to the Judean exiles in Babylon centuries prior to John the Baptist's lifetime. By associating this section of Isaiah with John the Baptist's ministry, the Gospel writers are cueing the original audience to the biblical promises to be fulfilled by the Lord.

List the following promises:

Isaiah 41:17; 42:7; 49:13:

Isaiah 44:3:

Isaiah 43:5-7; 48:20; 49:5:

Isaiah 40:9-10; 52: 7-10:

Isaiah 41:11-13; 47:1-15:

Isaiah 43:25; 44: 22; 55:7:

List what will happen to the Messiah:

Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-6:

Isaiah 50:4-9; 52:13 - 53:12:

What was John the Baptist's attire and why would Matthew highlight it (3:4 and 2 Kings 1:8)?

Summarize 3:5-6.

Use Malachi 4:5-6 to explain their actions.

How does their actions relate to Matthew 1:21?

Why do you think John the Baptist rebukes the religious leaders (3:7-10)?

How does John the Baptist explain the difference between his baptism and one to come (3:11-12)?

What 3 events occur when Jesus is baptized (3:16-17)?

Why are these significant?

Use 4:1-11 to briefly answer the following:

What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Where does Jesus go after his Baptism?

Why is this location significant?

What is the goal of going to the wilderness?

Who will also be there?

How does he prepare for his mission?

For how long?

What state is Jesus in when the temptation begins?

What does this say about Satan's temptation plan?

Write 1 John 2:15:

List the 3 ways Satan tempts (1 John 2:16):

1)

2)

3)

Match the 3 ways Satan tempts with Genesis 3:6.

1)

2)

3)

Write 1 John 2:17.

What does this say about God?

Fill out the following table using 4:3-11.

Temptation	Temptation Type (1 John 2:16)	Jesus Response
4:3		4:4 (Deuteronomy 8:3)
4:5-6		4:7 (Deuteronomy 6:16)
4:8-9		4:10 (Deuteronomy 6:13)

Who quotes scripture in 4:6 (Psalms 91:11-12)? What can you learn from this?

Read Psalm 91:13. Why do you think this verse was omitted?

Why do you think Jesus quoting Deuteronomy specifically is important?

What happens in 4:11?

What does this say about God?

What happens to John the Baptist at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (4:12)?

How does Matthew associate Jesus' movements with Isaiah 9:1-2 (4:14-17)?

How is this associated with 2 Kings 15:29?

What is Jesus message in 4:17?

How does this relate to Matthew 3:1-3 and 4:12?

What men does Jesus call (4:18-22)?

What does Jesus ask of them?

What is their response time?

List the 3 actions of Jesus in 4:23:

1)

2)

3)

Comment on why Matthew would list these actions in this order.

Matthew 3 and 4 in the Lectionary

Read the following and reflect on how these readings connect. First Reading, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel readings usually have a matching theme. Second Reading is read semi-continuously rather than being tied to the Gospel.

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A):

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Sunday after January 6th/Epiphany (1st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A):

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

1st Sunday of Lent (Year A):

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-6,12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A):

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Psalm 27
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23