

Preaching Matthew's Gospel (Year A)

A Day for Preachers
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Antioch's dilemma and its practical wisdom for today

Matthew's purpose in the three-year lectionary cycle

As we return to Lectionary Year A and the Gospel of Matthew in November 2010, we will explore:



+ issues and spiritual dilemmas of Matthew's historical community

+ a relationship between the three-year cycle, the four gospels, and the four great questions of the spiritual life: Matthew (How do we face change?), Mark (How do we move through suffering?), John (How do we receive joy?), Luke (How do we mature in service?)

+ the Gospel of Matthew as the text of the First Spiritual Path and the experience of how we face change

+ progressive Matthean themes across Year A, and their focus in the Liturgical seasons, especially Advent and Lent

+ how to use the Sunday gospel cycle and the Gospel of Matthew specifically for spiritual formation, transformation, and growth for individuals and communities

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