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THE 612: Final Exam Questions
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As we have already discussed in class, be sure to select two questions, and prepare a coherent response to the questions below.

Reflecting upon pp. 46-51 of Jesus of Nazareth, explain how the beatitudes are at the heart of the transforming message of the new law. That is to say, how are they the locus of both the Christological and interior dimensions of the Kingdom of God? In addition to this charter for holiness in the beatitudes, Matthew also sets up his gospel to highlight the figure of Peter. How does interpreting Matthew in light of Peter aid us in gaining a deeper appreciation of the ecclesial dimension to the Kingdom of God?

Reflecting upon the readings and class notes towards the Lucan Parables and the Matthean parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, draw out the principle of hiddenness and the ecclesial dimension of the Church. Be sure to work with both gospels.

Becoming a new creation is at the heart of Paul's scholarship. Reflecting upon your readings and class notes, describe how faith and a life empowered in the spirit leads to "the new man". Include in your answer either the Lord's Prayer, or the Christological Titles, to further explain this call to be "sons in the Son".

In the first two weeks of Lent we have the Temptation narrative along with the account of the Transfiguration. How do these two readings draw us into the mystery of the season of Lent? How are we to understand our call to witness in truth in light of the exchange between Christ and Pontius Pilate?