

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 7

- 1. What is leprosy? What happened to leprous people in ancient Israel? Why were they treated this way?**
- 2. What makes someone ritually and morally holy according to the Levitical code?**
- 3. What is at stake for the Ancient Israelites if they fail to live up to the holiness ordinances as established by God in the Levitical code?**
- 4. Why are there additional holiness ordinances for priests? What tasks do they perform that cannot be done by other Israelites?**
- 5. Where, when, and for what reason does Jesus institute the Lord's Supper?**
- 6. In your opinion, why does Jesus not fight back or defend himself against his persecutors during his arrest, trial, and crucifixion?**
- 7. How are the Jews, especially the religious leaders, portrayed in Matthew's passion narrative (passion = arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus)? In your opinion, how have Jews been effected by this biblical portrayal over the past 2000 years?**
- 8. What does Jesus commission the Disciples to do at the end of the Gospel of Matthew? Why?**