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Five Quiz Questions

1. What presents most of the exegetical problems in the gospels?
2. Who refers to the sayings of Jesus, without alluding to their original historical contexts?
3. How many topical collections does Matthew have?
4. What direction(s) must you think in order to properly interpret the gospels?
5. Can one properly interpret the gospels without a clear understanding of the kingdom of God in the ministry of Jesus?

Three Terms With Definitions

1. Pericope - individual stories and sayings containing the content of the gospels, sometimes also called pronouncement stories, where, in the narrative exists only for the sake of the saying that concludes it.
2. Principle of selection - the idea that the evangelists selected the narratives and teaching that suited their purposes
3. Eschatology - the end, when God brings this age to its close

Chapter 7 of *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* covers the gospels, beginning with the nature of the gospels. Fee and Stuart then discuss the historical context, both of Jesus and the authors of the gospels, especially those of the synoptic gospels. This is followed by the literary context, with instructions on directional reading. They end the chapter with hermeneutical principles and observations, with a focus on the need to understand the kingdom of God, as it is played out in Jesus' ministry.