



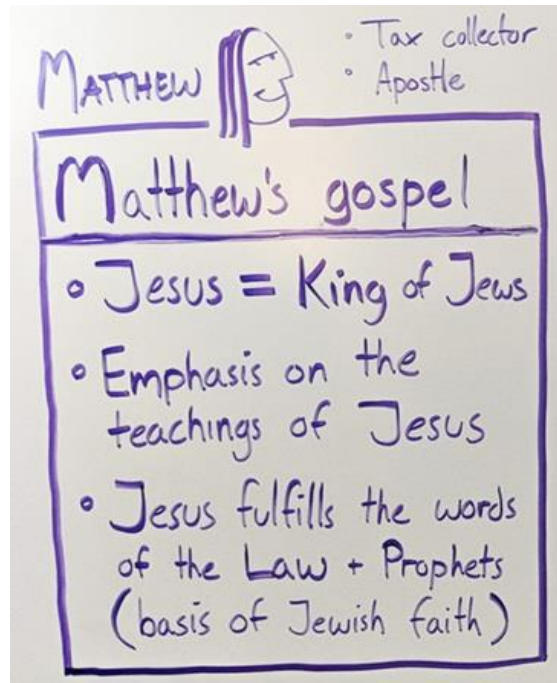
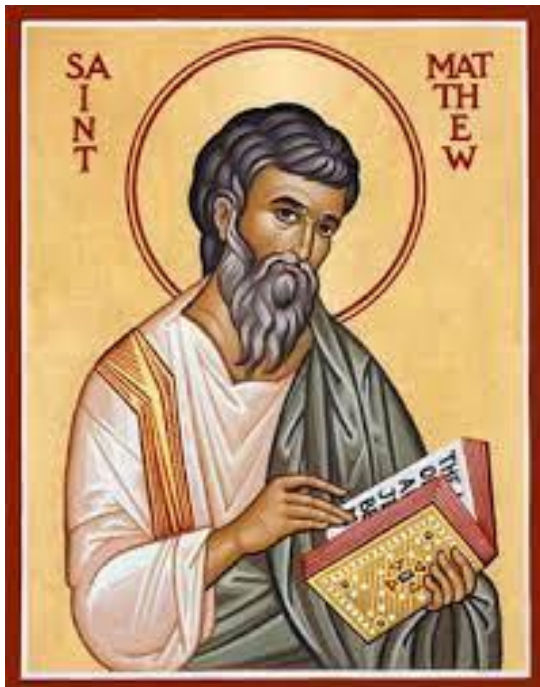
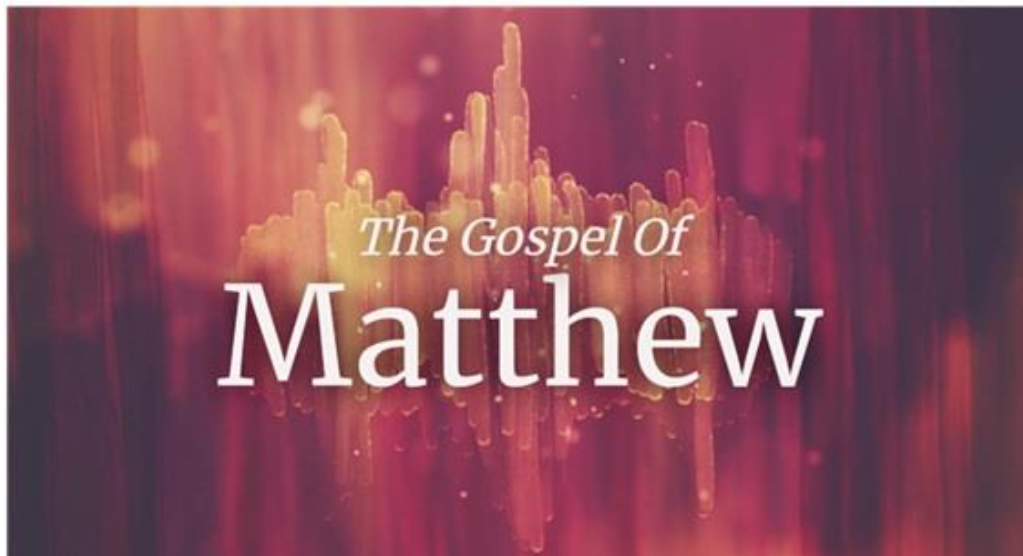
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Summary

The Book of Matthew is the first Gospel (an account of Jesus' life and ministry) in the New Testament. In Matthew, Jesus teaches people what it means to be part of his kingdom, the "kingdom of heaven." He is betrayed and crucified. He rises again and commissions His disciples to spread the good news.

The apostle Matthew (who is traditionally credited with writing this book) seems to have written this Gospel to a Christian audience who was either Jewish or highly familiar with the Jewish religion. Matthew presents Jesus as the Messiah (Mt 1:1), the promised descendant of King David who would bring God's kingdom to earth and establish a time of peace and justice. Matthew quotes the Old Testament extensively, and places special emphasis on Jesus' fulfillment of prophecies—which would have been important to a Jewish audience. Matthew tells us the story of Jesus with an emphasis on His role as Messiah or Christ:

Jesus is the son of God. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb (Mt 1:18–20), and God endorses Jesus as His beloved Son (Mt 3:17). He is God incarnate, living among men (Mt 1:23).

Jesus is the king. He is the son of King David (Mt 1:1). Jesus repeatedly declares that the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Mt 4:17) and tells many parables about it. The book of Matthew makes more mentions of the "kingdom of heaven" or "kingdom of God" than any of the other Gospels.

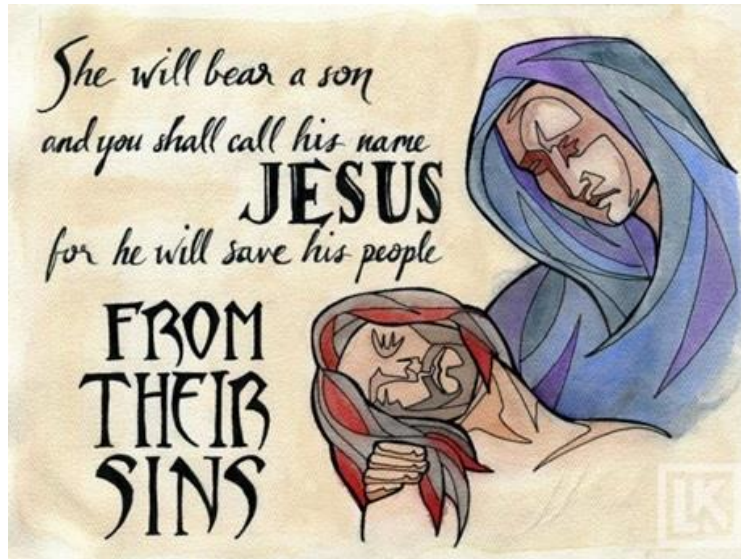
Jesus is the promised savior. He is the son of Abraham, through whom God had promised to bless all nations of the earth. Matthew emphasizes the Old Testament prophecies that Jesus fulfills, from His birth (Mt 1:22–23; 2:5–6, 17–18) through His ministry and right up to His death and resurrection. He lives a righteous life, teaches us what it means to be righteous, and dies on a cross so that we can be right with God.

Why Matthew was written

Bible author Matthew doesn't state his purpose explicitly. However, his opening verse makes it very clear what this book is about: Jesus, the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. The rest of this Gospel presents evidence of who Jesus is.

Theme Verse of Matthew

Matthew opens with a simple statement of who Jesus is (the Messiah) and closes with a simple statement of what we should do (make disciples for Him).



“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1:21)

Outline of Matthew

MATTHEW

	Announcement and Arrival of the King Main Emphasis: His Credentials <u>Birth</u> <u>Baptism</u> <u>Temptation</u> CHAPTERS 1–4	Proclamation and Reception of the King Main Emphasis: His Message <u>Sermon on the Mount</u> <u>Miracles</u> <u>Discourses</u> <u>Parables</u> CHAPTERS 5–15	Opposition and Rejection of the King Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death <u>Spread of opposition</u> <u>Preparation of disciples</u> <u>Final predictions</u> <u>Crucifixion</u> CHAPTERS 16–27	Resurrection and Triumph of the King Main Emphasis: His Conquest <u>God's power</u> <u>Great Commission</u> CHAPTER 28
The King	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"	
Scope	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve	
Location	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea	
People's Reaction	Increased popularity		Increased hostility	
Theme	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.			
Key Verses	16:16–19; 28:18–20			
Christ in Matthew	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16–19; 28:18–20).			

Matthew is a phenomenal work of literature, arranged in a way that presents Jesus as the ultimate Jewish hero: the Messianic son of David, the prophet who surpasses Moses, and the seed of Abraham that blesses all the nations. These big themes are introduced in the book's prologue, explored in the large middle section, and then resolved in the climax.

The bulk of Matthew is arranged into five main sections (which may have been in reference to the five-fold Law of Moses). Each section opens with stories of Jesus' life and ministry and closes with a long set of teachings from Jesus, called "discourses."

Outline of Five Main Sections

**Prologue: Jesus' birth and significance (Mt 1–2)
Jesus' teaching and ministry (Mt 3–25)**

**Book 1 (Mt 3–7)
Jesus gains followers (Mt 3–4)
Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5–7)**

**Book 2 (Mt 8–10)
Jesus works miracles (Mt 8–9)
Jesus sends his disciples (Mt 10)**

**Book 3 (Mt 11–13:52)
Jesus is confronted, withdraws (Mt 11–12)
Parables about the kingdom (Mt 13:1–52)**

**Book 4 (Mt 13:53–18:35)
Jesus is revealed as the son of God (Mt 13:53–17:27)
How "greatness" works in the Kingdom (Mt 18)**

**Book 5 (Mt 19–25)
People struggle with Jesus' kingship (Mt 19–23)
Teachings of judgment in the kingdom to come (Mt 24–25)**

Climax: Jesus' sacrifice, victory, and commission to his disciples (Mt 26–27)

Most Popular Matthew Bible Verses

In the Bible, Matthew was one of Jesus' apostles. Matthew's Gospel, with the Gospels of Luke, John, and Mark, is an exalted history of the life of Christ. His book is the longest of the four, and some theologians consider it was the first to be recorded.

Matthew was one of the tax collectors that Jesus redeemed. When called by Jesus, Matthew quickly left his tax collection position and served the Lord (Matthew 9:9). He gave up his riches and position of security for roaming, adversity, and ultimate martyrdom while living a new life with Jesus.

Matthew 5:28

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:38

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

Matthew 6:2

So, when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Matthew 6:5

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Matthew 6:24



No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 7:13

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Matthew 7:23

Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Matthew 4:7

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

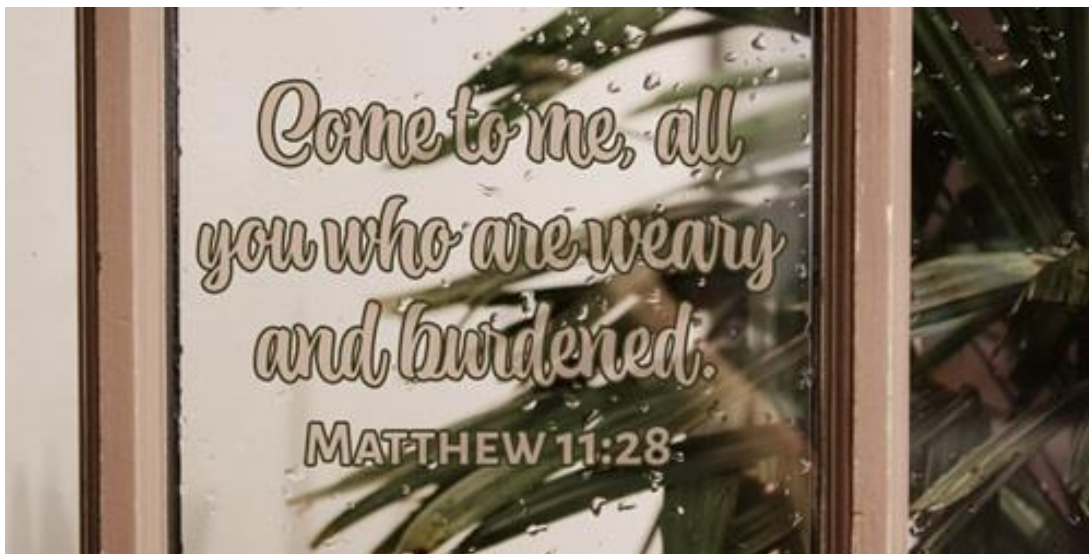
Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 11:12

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence and violent people have been raiding it.

Matthew 11:28



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 12:22

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:3-4

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 19:16-21

16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

17 “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

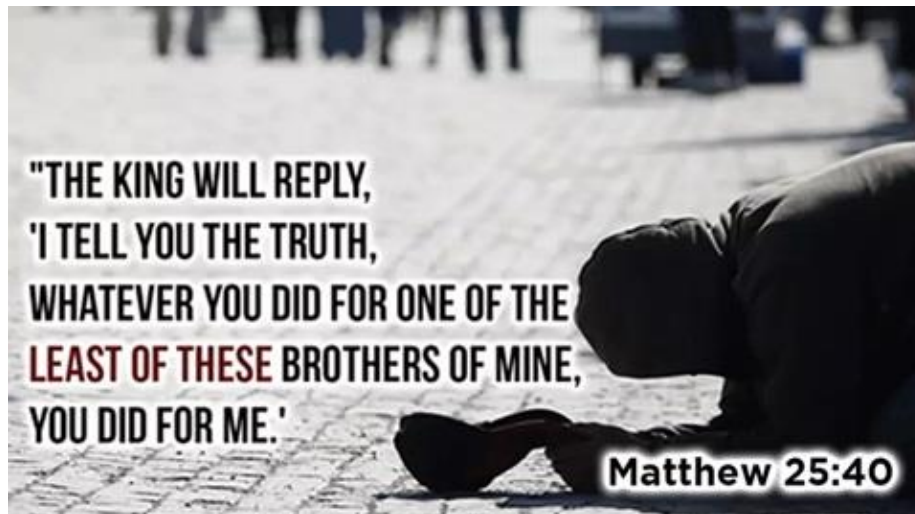
18 “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony.”

19 honor your father and mother ’and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.”

20 “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Matthew 25:31-40



Every life is worth the same to GOD, PRICELESS! - Matthew 25:40

31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

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