

Hashtag Bible

Subject: Matthew



Author:	Matthew, a tax collector turned apostle of Jesus Christ
Date of writing	A few years before AD 70. Note: the date of writing for many New Testament books relies on early church history.
Where it starts and where it ends	From: the genealogy (Abraham +) and birth of Jesus Christ. To: the risen LORD Jesus commissions His apostles.
The Big Idea	The King and His kingdom. Jesus is the King, long-awaited Messiah of Israel – and king of our lives.
Expand on that	<p>Wow –we’re finally here. We have spent the last year living in the Old Testament, getting more and more excited about the coming King. Now at last He has arrived!</p> <p>Who is He? What is He like? What will His kingdom be like? What happened to Him? Why didn’t the kingdom that the prophets spoke about come to pass? Will it still happen? How? When? How do we fit into all this?</p> <p>Matthew’s gospel was written to answer these questions.</p> <p>Matthew is specially written for Israel and the Jews. The genealogy of Jesus starts with Abraham and ends with Joseph His step-father. Matthew focuses a lot on how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. The gospel of Matthew is the link between the prophets of old and the new times of grace. It was designed by the Holy Spirit to present Christ in such a way that honest Jewish inquirers would conclude that He is the One of whom the prophets and Moses spoke.</p> <p>Matthew skillfully alternates between narrative sections (the action) and carefully crafted blocks of teaching. He gathered things together that happened at different times for the purpose of training new disciples so the acts of Jesus and His sayings would be easy to remember.</p>

Mat 1:1-4:11
Mat 5:1-7:29
Mat 8:1-9:38
Mat 10:1 – 11:1
Mat 11:2-13:53
Mat 13:54 – 19:2
Mat 19:3 – 26:1

Mat 26:2-28:20

An **outline** of the book:

1. The King comes to Israel. (birth & preparation)
2. The principles of the kingdom (Sermon on the Mount)
3. The power and authority of the King –miracles!
4. The commission of the King’s messengers.
5. The opposition to the King.
6. The response of the King - parables.
7. The presentation and rejection of the King. (including His future return to bring about the kingdom)
8. The crucifixion and resurrection of the King, and His commission to His disciples concerning the kingdom.

What this book features about **the Lord Jesus Christ**

Mat 24:29-31
Matt 1:22, 3:1-3;
4:14, 8:17; 12:17;
13:35; 21:4

We go to the Gospel of Matthew to see our Lord Jesus Christ displayed in His **three Messianic offices** of **priest, prophet, and king**. Jesus **fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah**, and Matthew takes pains to show us that. Matthew’s Gospel is saturated with the Old Testament. There are around 130 OT citations and allusions in Matthew. A large portion of those are references made by our Lord Himself. See for example Mat 24:29-31. See also our work in Zechariah. Eleven times Matthew writes “This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet(s).”

So what now?
Discussion:

Two of the more dramatic kinds of material in Matthew are the **miracles** of Jesus and **His memorable teachings**.

Matthew 8-9

Jesus performed many, many **miracles**. Matthew records 20 of them individually and refers to groups of others. Chapters 8 and 9 are packed with miracles. Read these chapters. Then look at the list of miracles that you are given. Try to pick a miracle that is particularly meaningful to you right now because it speaks to something you are going through.

Matthew 5:1-11

Then read the **Beatitudes** in Matthew 5:1-11. What would be like to live in a country where these qualities were on display all the time by the people there? Pick one quality that you want the Lord to develop in you. Talk about how things would be better if you had more of that.