

The Book of Matthew
Introduction
Matthew 1: 1-17

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The inspiration of Scripture is foundational to our faith

2 Timothy 3: 16

2 Peter 1: 20-21

How do we know the Bible is inspired by God?

- 1) Internal consistency
- 2) Fulfilled prophecy

Matthew, Mark and Luke are *synoptic* Gospels

Synoptic = with the same eye;
seeing together

Each of the four Gospels has a
different audience in mind

Comparison of 4 Gospels



	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus as:	King of Israel	Servant of Lord	Son of Man	Son of God
Reader:	Jew	Roman	Greek	World
Prominent Idea:	Law	Power	Grace	Glory

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).			

The Structure of Matthew: 5 Discourses of Jesus

1. Sermon of the Mount (5-7)
2. The Sending of the 12 disciples (10:1-11:1)
3. Parables of the Kingdom (13)
4. Greatest in the Kingdom: Instruction for the Church (18)
5. Olivet Discourse Warning of final judgment (23-25)

*Each section ends with "When Jesus finished these words."

Matthew was written to the Jews,
with an offer of the Kingdom –
Matthew Chapters 1-12

This offer was rejected by the
Jewish leadership – Matthew 12: 20

The offer was rescinded when the
nation's leadership blasphemed the
Holy Spirit – Matthew 12: 31

The Church Age followed and will continue *“until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in”*

Romans 11: 25

The *“fullness of the Gentiles”* is a set number saved during the Church Age

Acts 15: 14

THE INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

400 years of silence

From Malachi to Matthew, there was no prophet in Israel, *no Word from God!*

Had God forgotten His people?

NO WAY!!

God was working through the nations to prepare for Messiah to come

God used Babylon for His purpose – to display His wrath on idolatrous Israel

God used Persia for His purpose – to restore His people to their land and Jerusalem

God used Greece for His purpose – to establish a universal language

God used Rome for His purpose – to establish a road system to spread the Gospel

Paul tells us exactly what God was doing – Galatians 4: 4

God is acting today for His purpose!

GOD IS NOT SILENT!

Rapid world changes scream ***God is at work today!!***

WHAT WE MUST REMEMBER:

There will be a perfect time, in the future, when God will take action –

HIS SON WILL RETURN!!

Verse 1 - 2

**Matthew connects the
Old and New Testament
with a genealogy**

MATTHEW



Hebrew Scriptures



Christian
Scriptures



MATTHEW is like a “bridge”
... linking the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.

“The genealogy of Jesus Christ” – the most important person to ever live!

Jesus is the Savior for all mankind – *the hope of all mankind!*

Joseph was told of Jesus’ mission by an angel – **Matthew 1: 21**

“ for He will save His people from their sins”

Verse 3 - 6

***Surprise!!* There are women
in Jesus' genealogy**

**It is unusual for women to be included
in a Jewish genealogy**

This section mentions four:

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba

**Women are very much inferior to men
in the east (*this continues today*)**

**Christianity has set women free and
improved their status in life!**

**Islam, Hinduism, and Communism all
treat women as property with little
rights**

Verse 7 - 10

**There are good and bad kings
in the genealogy**

**This demonstrates that Godliness
and righteousness are not inherited**

**There are good kings with bad
sons and bad kings with good sons**

***Every person is responsible
before God for their life and
behavior!***

Parents, who are followers of Messiah,
have a mission – Proverbs 22: 6

This is a principle, not a promise!

Each person must decide to *believe*
and receive the gift of salvation

John 1: 12-13

Real sheep follow the Good Shepherd

John 10: 27

False sheep follow whomever – a big
difference, *an eternal difference!*

Verse 11 - 17

God preserves His people

Never forget: God is with His people through terrible times, awful times and the “*why?*” times!

God is orchestrating all of history,
raising up kings and bringing down kings

Don't panic: This applies to presidents also; *there are no mistakes with God!*

America has gotten what America desires – ***post Christian leadership!***

In the midst of change and chaos –
GOD IS WITH YOU!!

God will not forsake you!

Hebrews 13: 5

God will go through the fire with
you – **Isaiah 43: 1-3**

God is in the furnace with you!

(3 Hebrew slaves)

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

The Jewish people have been persecuted and dispersed throughout the world since Babylonian captivity

Persecution of Jews and Christians is crescendoing today

The persecuted and the disappointed have reason to live with anger and unforgiveness

Think about Hitler and Nazi death camps

NAZI DEATH CAMPS

The Nazi regime established its first concentration camp, Dachau, almost immediately after coming to power in Germany in 1933. By the time World War II ended 12 years later, they had built 20 main concentration camps and four others devoted solely to exterminating prisoners: Belzec, Chelmno, Sobibor and Treblinka. Auschwitz combined elements of concentration camps and extermination camps.

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How can humans recover from this type of atrocity?

*Lessons from Auschwitz:
40% recovered and 60% did not*

What made the difference?

Those who did not recover continued to relive the experiences and perpetuated despondency

Those who did recover determined to move on from the pain of the past, chose not to relive their experiences

In the genealogy of Christ, there are many abused and persecuted people

Jesus Messiah is the abused, persecuted, disappointed HEALER!

Jesus is the only One who can restore normalcy in an abnormal world!

The Apostle Paul lived through many atrocities and disappointments

His advice for not living in the past:

Philippians 3: 13-14

Let's be honest here - *HURT HAPPENS!*

God did not promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow nor sun without rain.

But He did promise us strength for the day,
comfort for the tears, and light for the way.

Come unto me, all ye that
labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

- Mat 11:28 KJV



**Our study in Matthew will show us
how much Jesus really does care
for us!**

**Jesus experienced all the crud of
life, *like us!***

***JESUS KNOWS* what it is like to live
here! *We can rest in that!***

***MY JESUS KNOWS MY
NAME!***

I AM NOT FORGOTTEN!!

A scenic view of a town built on a hillside overlooking a river with a waterfall. The text "I AM NOT FORGOTTEN GOD KNOWS MY NAME" is overlaid in large white letters.

**I AM NOT
FORGOTTEN
GOD KNOWS
MY NAME**

IN THIS WE CAN REST!!