

**BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

**TOPIC: THE BOOK OF MATTHEW**

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# Introduction

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**The Gospel According to Matthew is one of the four canonical gospels, one of the three synoptic gospels, and the first book of the New Testament. It tells of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.**



# Facts About the Book of Matthew

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- ▶ **MEANING:** “Gift of the Lord.”
- ▶ **AUTHOR:** Matthew, the son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14)
- ▶ **TIME WRITTEN:** Possibly between 58-68 A.D.
- ▶ **POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**
  - ▶ • 40th Book in the Bible
  - ▶ • 1st Book in the New Testament
  - ▶ • 1st of 4 books of Biography (Matthew - John)
  - ▶ • 26 Books to follow it.
- ▶ **CHAPTERS:** 28



# NEW TESTAMENT TIMELINE

- 37 B.C.—4 B.C. - The reign of Herod I, a Roman client king of Israel
- 27 B.C.-14 A.D. - The reign of Caesar Augustus, the first emperor of the Roman Empire
- c. 6 B.C. - The birth of Jesus
- 26-36 A.D. - Pontius Pilate the Prefect of the Roman Empire's Judaea Province
- c. 30-33 - The death and resurrection of Jesus
- c. 35 - The conversion of Paul
- 40s or 50s - *James*
- c. 45-49 - Paul's first missionary journey
- Sometime between 48 and 58 - Paul writes *Galatians*
- c. 50-53 - Paul's second missionary journey
- 50s - Paul writes *Titus*
- 50s or 60s - *Mark* written
- 50s or 60s - *Matthew* written
- 51 - Paul writes *1 and 2 Thessalonians*
- c. 53-57 - Paul's third missionary journey
- Spring of 55 - Paul writes *1 Corinthians*
- 56 - Paul writes *2 Corinthians*
- c. 57 - Paul writes *Romans*
- c. 60 - Paul writes *Colossians*, probably while in prison in Rome



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- ▶ c. 60 - Paul writes *Philemon*, probably while in prison in Rome
- ▶ c. 60 - Paul writes *Ephesians*, probably while in prison in Rome
- ▶ c. 61 - Paul writes *Philippians*, while in prison in Rome
- ▶ Early 60s - *Luke* written
- ▶ c. 62 - Paul is free
- ▶ c. 62-64 - Luke writes *Acts*
- ▶ c. 62-64 - Paul writes *1 Timothy*
- ▶ July 18-19, 64 - The Great Fire of Rome. Emperor Nero blamed the Christians, and a great persecution ensued.
- ▶ Mid 60s - *1 Peter* written
- ▶ c. 64-68 - Paul writes *2 Timothy* from prison
- ▶ c. 67-68 - *2 Peter*
- ▶ c. 68 - *Hebrews* is written
- ▶ June 9, 68 - The death of Nero. Sometime between the Great Fire of Rome and the death of Nero, both Peter and Paul were martyred.
- ▶ c. 69 - *Jude*
- ▶ 70 - The Siege of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple
- ▶ c. 85 - *John* written
- ▶ Late First Century - *1, 2, and 3 John*
- ▶ c. 95-96 - John writes *Revelation*

# SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

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- ▶ Written by a Jew - Matthew.
  - ▶ Written to Jews - his countrymen.
  - ▶ Written about a Jew - the long-awaited Messiah.
  - ▶ Matthew uses quotes from the Old Testament to establish that Jesus Christ is indeed the Messiah.
  - ▶ More than 130 times Matthew uses quotations and allusions to the Old Testament to show that Jesus fulfills the qualifications for the Messiah.
  - ▶ Matthew often uses the phrase, “that which was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled.” That phrase does not appear in Mark, Luke, or John.
  - ▶ The phrase, “Son of David,” referring to the Davidic line, occurs 9 times in Matthew, but only 6 times collectively in Mark, Luke, and John.
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# **SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE BOOK OF MATTHEW**

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- ▶ Matthew shows his Jewish readers that Jesus Christ is the culmination of promises delivered over a thousand period.
- ▶ Matthew shows that God's redemptive plan is well even after 400 years of prophetic silence.
- ▶ Messiah means "the Anointed One."
- ▶ Matthew gives a large reception in his house so his associates could meet Jesus. Matthew 9:10
- ▶ The last appearance of his name in the Bible is in Acts 1:13.
- ▶ The phrase, "kingdom of heaven" appears 55 times in Matthew.
- ▶ Matthew was a tax collector in Capernaum when Jesus
- ▶ called him to follow Him.

# **SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE BOOK OF MATTHEW**

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- ▶ As a publican (tax collector), Matthew was no doubt disliked by his countrymen.
- ▶ The turning point in the Book of Matthew comes in chapter 12 when the Pharisees formally reject Jesus as the Messiah, saying that His power comes from Satan and not from God. Christ's ministry changes immediately with:
  - His increased use of parables.
  - Increased attention to his disciples.
  - His repeated statements that His death is now near.
- ▶ The Book of Matthew is placed first in the canon of the New Testament books by the early church
- ▶ because of its natural bridge between the Old and New Testaments



# THE FOCUS OF THE FOUR GOSPELS

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Gospel	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Audience	Jews	Romans	Hellenists	Greco-Romans
Focus	Jesus is the Messianic King of the promised Davidic Kingdom who fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and covenants.	Jesus is the authoritative Son of God. He is God's triumphant envoy come to suffer and die in order to claim victory over sin and death.	Jesus is the perfect Son of Man, the Messiah prophesied by the prophets, who came to save and to minister to people of all nations through the power of God the Holy Spirit.	Jesus Christ is the fully divine Son of God who existed before Creation. He is the true Lamb of sacrifice through whom we receive the gift of eternal life.
Some Key Words	Kingdom of Heaven; fulfilled	Kingdom of God; immediately /now	Kingdom of God; Son of Man	Word of God; only begotten Son; believe; eternal life



# MATTHEW AS A TAX COLLECTOR

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- ▶ Matthew was a publican or tax collector. This means he was a Jew working for the Romans. Generally, the arrangements between Rome and the publicans was such that Rome expected to receive a certain amount of funds per year. To the extent the tax collector was able to bully his “clientele” into paying a larger amount, the tax man kept the difference. Thus, an unscrupulous tax collector could easily become a wealthy man. Matthew’s tax booth appears to be on one of the busiest roads in Palestine, so he probably was very wealthy, most certainly the wealthiest of the Apostles. When he walked away from this to follow Jesus, he truly did leave everything.

▶ Luke 5:27-29

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# OUTLINE

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- ▶ I. The Person and Presentation of Jesus the King
  - ▶ The birth of the King (1:1-2:23)
  - ▶ The announcement of the King (3:1-12)
  - ▶ The Approval of the King (3:13-4:11)
- ▶ II The Preaching of the King
  - ▶ The Ministry of the King (4:12-25)
  - ▶ The Sermon of the King (5:1-7:29)
- ▶ III The Power of the King (8:1-11:1)
- ▶ IV The Progressive Rejection of the King
  - ▶ The Rejection of the King (11:2-12:50)
  - ▶ The Parables of the King (13:1-52)
  - ▶ The Further Rejections of the King (13:53-16:12)



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- ▶ V The Preparation of the King's Disciples
    - ▶ The Preparation in View of the Rejection (16:13-20:28)
  - ▶ VI The Presentation of the King
    - ▶ The Public Ministry (20:29-21:22)
    - ▶ The Conflict with the Leaders (21:23-22:46)
    - ▶ The Rejection by the Nation (23:1-39)
  - ▶ VII The Prophecies of the King (24:1-25:46)
  - ▶ VIII The Passion or Final Rejection of the King (26:1-27:66)
  - ▶ IX The Proof of Jesus the King (28:1-20)
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# Famous Bible Stories from Matthew

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► The Nativity

The Magi

John the Baptist

Jesus at Galilee

Woman of Samaria

Jesus Heals the Sick

Jesus and the Leper

Jesus and the

Pharisees

Sermon on the Mount

Jesus and the

Centurion

Parables of Jesus

Feeding the Five Thousand

Loaves and Fishes

The Prophecies of Jesus

Blind Bartimeus

Jesus and the Money Changers

Jesus at the Mount of Olives

The Last Supper

Garden of Gethsemane

The Crucifixion

Resurrection of Jesus

Doubting Thomas



# KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **4:4** But He answered and said, It is written, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God.”
  - ▶ **5:3-11** 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens. 11 Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and while speaking lies, say every evil thing against you because of Me.
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- ▶ **5:13-14** You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has become tasteless, with what shall it be salted? It is no longer good for anything except to be cast out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.
- ▶ **5:16-17** 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens. 17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill.



# KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **5:44** But I say to you, Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.
  - ▶ **6:6** But you, when you pray, enter into your private room and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
  - ▶ **6:8-13** 8 Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows the things that you have need of before you ask Him. 9 You then pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; 10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth, 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
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# KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **6:19-21** 19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves dig through and steal 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- ▶ **6:24-25** 24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Because of this, I say to you, Do not be anxious for your life, what you should eat or what you should drink; nor for your body, what you should put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

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- ▶ **6:31-34** 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? 32 For all these things the Gentiles are anxiously seeking. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself; sufficient for the day is its own evil.
- ▶ **7:7-8** 7 Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it shall be  
▶ opened.

## KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **7:22-23** 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power? 23 And then I will declare to them; I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.
  - ▶ **11:28-30** 28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.
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- ▶ **12:36-37** 36 And I say to you that every idle word which men shall speak, they will render an account concerning it in the day of judgement 37 For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.
  - ▶ **12:50** For whoever does the will of My Father who is in the heavens, he is My brother and sister and mother.
  - ▶ **13:23** But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.
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## KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **16:24-26** Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me 25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; and whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. 26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
  - ▶ **17:20** And He said to them, Because of your little faith; for truly I say to you, If you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.
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# KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **22:37-39** 37 And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
  - ▶ **24:4-8** 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for it must happen; but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom will rise up against kingdom; and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places
  - ▶ **24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations and then the end will come.
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## KEY VERSES -

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- ▶ **28:18-19** 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.



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