

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

## (STUDY HANDOUTS)

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### INTERESTING FACTS

- Matthew was the Early Church's favorite book
- Most quoted and most copied, and most preached about during the time of the Early Church
- Great instruction manual on the person of Jesus and the nature of Discipleship (past and present)

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### WHEN & CONTEXT

- Matthew written sometime between 70 A.D. and 100 A.D.

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## **PURPOSE**

? Why did Matthew write his book? What are some of his purposes?

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## **CENTRAL THEOLOGICAL THEMES**

Jesus Fulfillment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ex: [Matthew 1:22-23](#); [2:15](#); [2:17-18](#); [2:23](#); [4:14-16](#); [8:17](#); [12:17-21](#); [21:4-5](#); [27:9-10](#)

Christ' Identity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Focus on the Mission of the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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Old Testament Interpretation: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Law: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus as the True Israel of God: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus as the New ( \_\_\_\_\_ ): fill in the blank

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## **SIMPLE CONTENT GUIDE**

### **1. Jesus's birth (Matthew 1–2)**

### **2. Jesus's ministry and teaching (Matthew 3–25)**

- a. Jesus gains followers (3–4); Sermon on the Mount (5–7)
- b. Jesus works miracles (8:1–10:10); Jesus sends His disciples (10:11–42)
- c. Jesus is confronted and withdraws (11–12); parables on the kingdom (13:1–52)
- d. Jesus is revealed as the Son of God (13:53–17:27); greatness in the kingdom (18)
- e. People struggle with Jesus's kingship (19–23); judgment in the kingdom (24–25)

### **3. The passion (Matthew 26–27)**

## **DETAILED CONTENT GUIDE**

### **1. THE BIRTH AND PREPARATION OF JESUS (1:1–4:16)**

#### **A. The birth and childhood of Jesus (1:1–2:23)**

- i. The genealogy and lineage of Jesus the Messiah (1:1–17)*
- ii. The origin and name of Jesus the Messiah (1:18–25)*
- iii. The visit of the Magi (2:1–12)*
- iv. The flight of Egypt and the return (2:13–23)*

#### **B. The preparation for Jesus' public ministry (3:1–4:16)**

- i. The ministry of John the Baptist (3:1–12)*
- ii. The baptism of Jesus (3:13–17)*
- iii. The test (4:1–11)*
- iv. The withdrawal to Galilee (4:12–16)*

### **2. PUBLIC MINISTRY IN AND AROUND GALILEE (4:17–16:20)**

#### **A. Introduction to the public ministry (4:17–25)**

- i. Summary of Jesus' preaching (4:17)*
- ii. The call of four disciples (4:18–22)*
- iii. Summary of the public ministry (4:23–25)*

#### **B. Jesus' teaching on discipleship (5:1–7:29)**

- i. Introduction (5:1–2)*
- ii. The advantages of discipleship (5:3–10)*
- iii. The distinctiveness of the disciple (5:11–16)*
- iv. Jesus' attitude to the Old Testament (5:17–20)*
- v. Examples of Jesus' radical ethic (5:21–48)*
- vi. Teaching on religious observance (6:1–18)*
- vii. The disciple's attitude to material possessions (6:19–34)*
- viii. The disciples' attitude to one another (7:1–6)*
- ix. The disciple's attitude to God (7:7–11)*
- x. Summary of Jesus' ethic (7:12)*
- xi. Warnings against spurious discipleship (7:13–27)*
- xii. Conclusion (7:28–29)*

#### **C. A selection of Jesus' miracles (8:1–9:34)**

- i. The leper (8:1–4)*
- ii. The centurion's servant (8:5–13)*
- iii. Peter's mother-in-law (8:14–15)*
- iv. Summary of Jesus' healing ministry (8:16–17)*
- v. Two would-be followers (8:18–22)*
- vi. Calming the storm (8:23–27)*
- vii. The Gadarene demoniacs (8:28–34)*

- viii. *The paralytic (9:1–8)*
- ix. *The call of Matthew (9:9–13)*
- x. *The question about fasting (9:14–17)*
- xi. *The ruler's daughter and the woman with a hemorrhage (9:18–26)*
- xii. *Two blind men (9:27–31)*
- xiii. *A dumb man (9:32–34)*

#### **D. The parallel ministry of the disciples (9:35–11:1)**

- i. *Summary and introduction (9:35–38)*
- ii. *The twelve (10:1–4)*
- iii. *Instructions for their mission (10:5–16)*
- iv. *Warnings of conflict and persecution (10:17–39)*
- v. *The privileged status of the disciple (10:40–42)*
- vi. *Conclusion (11:1)*

#### **E. Varying response to Jesus' Messianic activity (11:2–12:50)**

- i. *John the Baptist (11:2–19)*
- ii. *Towns which rejected Jesus' appeal (11:20–24)*
- iii. *The true response to Jesus' appeal (11:25–30)*
- iv. *Objections to Jesus' free attitude to the sabbath (12:1–14)*
- v. *Jesus' response to opposition (12:15–21)*
- vi. *Jesus accused of collusion with the devil, and his response (12:22–37)*
- vii. *Jesus' verdict on 'this generation' (12:38–45)*
- viii. *Jesus' true family (12:46–50)*

#### **F. Jesus' teaching in parables (13:1–53)**

- i. *The sower (13:1–9)*
- ii. *The purpose of parables (13:10–17)*
- iii. *Explanation of the sower (13:18–23)*
- iv. *Three parables of growth: the weeds, the mustard seed and the yeast (13:24–33)*
- v. *The purpose of parables (13:34–35)*
- vi. *Explanation of the weeds (13:36–43)*
- vii. *Three further parables: the treasure, the pearl and the net (13:44–50)*
- viii. *Concluding parable: the householder (13:51–53)*

#### **G. Varying response to Jesus' teaching and miracles (13:54–16:20)**

- i. *Nazareth rejects Jesus (13:54–58)*
- ii. *Herod Antipas thinks Jesus is John the Baptist revived (14:1–12)*
- iii. *Jesus feeds a large crowd (14:13–21)*
- iv. *Jesus walks on the water (14:22–33)*
- v. *The popularity of Jesus as a healer (14:34–36)*
- vi. *Dispute with Pharisees and scribes over defilement (15:1–20)*
- vii. *A Gentile woman's faith (15:21–28)*
- viii. *Healing ministry among the Gentiles (15:29–31)*
- ix. *Second feeding of a crowd (15:32–39)*
- x. *Jesus' repudiation of Pharisees and Sadducees (16:1–12)*
- xi. *Jesus is the Messiah (16:13–20)*

### **3. PRIVATE MINISTRY IN GALILEE: PREPARING THE DISCIPLES (16:21-18:35)**

#### **A. Teaching on Jesus' mission (16:21-17:27)**

- i. First announcement of Jesus' suffering and death (16:21-23)*
- ii. Discipleship will also involve suffering (16:24-28)*
- iii. A vision of Jesus' glory (17:1-13)*
- iv. The power of faith (17:14-20)*
- v. Second announcement of Jesus' suffering and death (17:22-23)*
- vi. The question of the temple tax (17:24-27)*

#### **B. Teaching on relationships among the disciples (18:1-35)**

- i. True greatness (18:1-5)*
- ii. On stumbling-blocks (18:6-9)*
- iii. Care for the 'little ones' (18:10-14)*
- iv. 'If your brother sins ...' (18:15-20)*
- v. Forgiving personal offences (18:21-35)*

### **4. MINISTRY IN JUDEA (19:1-25:46)**

#### **A. On the way to Jerusalem (19:1-20:34)**

- i. Introduction (19:1-2)*
- ii. Teaching on divorce and marriage (19:3-12)*
- iii. The blessing of the children (19:13-15)*
- iv. The rich young man (19:16-22)*
- v. Wealth and rewards (19:23-30)*
- vi. The parable of equal wages for unequal work (20:1-16)*
- vii. Third announcement of Jesus' suffering and death (20:17-19)*
- viii. James and John: greatness in service (20:20-28)*
- ix. Two blind men (20:29-34)*

#### **B. Arrival in Jerusalem (21:1-22)**

- i. The entry (21:1-11)*
- ii. The demonstration in the temple (21:12-17)*
- iii. The lesson of the fig-tree (21:18-22)*

#### **C. Controversies with the Jewish leaders (21:23-23:39)**

- i. The question of authority (21:23-27)*
- ii. Three polemical parables: the two sons, the tenants of the vineyard, and the wedding feast (21:28-22:14)*
- iii. The question of imperial taxes (22:15-22)*
- iv. The question about resurrection (22:23-33)*
- v. The greatest commandment (22:34-40)*
- vi. The Messiah as Son of David (22:41-46)*
- vii. The failure of scribes and Pharisees (23:1-36)*
- viii. The fate of Jerusalem (23:37-39)*

**D. Jesus' teaching about the future (24:1–25:46)**

- i. Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple (24:1–2)*
- ii. Warnings against premature expectation (24:3–14)*
- iii. The coming crisis in Judea (24:15–28)*
- iv. Climax of the crisis within 'this generation' (24:29–35)*
- vii. The unexpected parousia of the Son of man (24:36–25:13)*
- vi. The parable of the talents (25:14–30)*
- vii. The last judgment (25:31–46)*

**5. THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS (26:1–28:20)**

**A. Preparation for the passion (26:1–46)**

- i. Introduction (26:1–2)*
- ii. The plot against Jesus (26:3–5)*
- iii. The anointing at Bethany (26:6–13)*
- iv. Judas joins the plot (26:14–16)*
- v. The Last Supper (26:17–30)*
- vi. Jesus predicts Peter's denial (26:31–35)*
- vii. Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane (26:36–46)*

**B. The arrest and trial of Jesus (26:47–27:26)**

- i. The arrest (26:47–56)*
- ii. The Jewish 'trial' (26:57–68)*
- iii. Peter's failure (26:69–75)*
- iv. Jesus is transferred to the Roman governor (27:1–2)*
- v. The death of Judas (27:3–10)*
- vi. The Roman trial (27:11–26)*

**C. The crucifixion of Jesus (27:27–56)**

- i. The mockery by the soldiers (27:27–31)*
- ii. The crucifixion (27:32–44)*
- iii. The death of Jesus (27:45–56)*

**D. The burial and resurrection of Jesus (27:57–28:20)**

- i. Jesus dead and buried (27:57–61)*
- ii. The setting of the guard (27:62–66)*
- iii. The empty tomb and the risen Lord (28:1–10)*
- iv. The report of the guard (28:11–15)*
- v. Jesus alive and sovereign (28:16–20)*

**MATTHEW/MARK THEMATIC PARALLELS OUTLINE**

<b>Introduction</b>	Mark 1:1–13	Matt. 1:1–4:11
<b>Ministry in Galilee</b>	Mark 1:14–6:13	Matt. 4:12–13:58
<b>Wider ministry in the north</b>	Mark 6:14–8:26	Matt. 14:1–16:12
<b>Towards Jerusalem</b>	Mark 8:27–10:52	Matt. 16:13–20:34
<b>Confrontation in Jerusalem</b>	Mark 11:1–13:37	Matt. 21:1–25:46
<b>Passion and Resurrection</b>	Mark 14:1–16:8	Matt. 26:1–28:20



## QUESTIONS for April 9, 2024

### The Gospel According to Matthew

**Read Matthew 1:18-4:16**

1) As you go through these readings, keep track of the places Matthew quotes Old Testament prophecy or refers to a prophet. List those references below (list the OT Scriptures):

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Now take time to go back into the Old Testament and read the references in their context, perhaps reading the entire chapter they are found in. Make notes below of what you notice in the references.

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How do the references enhance your reading of these verses in Matthew?

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2) What do you think is significant about Jesus' references to Scripture (the Old Testament)?

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### **FOR FURTHER REFLECTION**

Reread the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness in Chapter 4.

How would you put into your own words the theme of each temptation? (power, etc.)

What does it mean for you to have a savior who was tempted just like you? What does he teach us about overcoming temptation?

Find 15-30 minutes when you can be alone in silence. Ask the Spirit to be present to you and to help you examine your thoughts and heart.

What are the things that "tempt" you?

What are the things that you tend to think may make your life better in the short term, but in the long term they do not?

What desires might you have that are not in and of themselves "bad," but could become sinful if they become priorities in your life?