

Matthew – 28 Chapters

Title:

The Gospel according to Matthew, named after its author. Not the Gospel of Matthew, but the Gospel according to Matthew.

Author:

Written by Matthew. Tradition tells that this is the same Matthew, also known as Levi, who was a tax collector until he was called by Jesus.

Occasion and Purpose:

To tell the story of Jesus, especially to a Jewish audience. Matthew highlights Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament, especially the Davidic Kingship. Jesus is also highlighted as the new Moses, authoritatively interpreting and re-giving the covenant instruction. Jesus re-inaugurates God's people, living in covenant relationship with Him, and seeing His rule extended to all people.

Themes:

1. Church – New Israel
2. Higher Righteousness
3. Authority of the King
4. Fulfillment of OT Hope
5. Identity of the King
6. Kingdom of Heaven

Summary:

Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT hope, the promised Messiah, Son of David. Jesus is the new Moses, the giver and authorized interpreter of God's instructions. Jesus' church – the New Israel, is given the charge to carry on His teaching ministry by making disciples of all nations, and the Gospel of Matthew serves as a teaching manual to aid in that task.

Organization:

| Preparation for the King 1:1-2:23 | | |
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| 5 Books of Jesus 3:1-26:1 | Narrative | Teaching |
| | Gospel of the Kingdom 3:1-4:25 | Discipleship Teaching 5:1-7:29 |
| | Kingdom Extended 8:1-9:38 | Apostleship Teaching 10:1-11:1 |
| | Kingdom Proclaimed 11:1-12:50 | Kingdom Teaching 13:1-53 |
| | Kingdom Divides – For & Against 13:54-17:27 | Church Life Teaching 18:1-19:1 |
| | Kingdom Opposition & Victory 19:1-22:46 | Judgment Teaching 23:1-26:1 |
| Kingdom Realized 26:1-28:20 | | |
| King's Death & Resurrection 26:1-28:15 | King's Great Commission 28:16-20 (Great Commission commands the church to continue Christ's teaching ministry.) | |

Key Verses:

1:20-23; 3:1-2; 4:17; 5:3-10; 6:9-13; 11:25-30; 13:10-17; 13:10-17;
 16:13-20; 16:24-28; 20:17-19; 20:25-28; 21:4-11; 22:43-46; 26:63-64;
 27:35-44; 28:5-7; 28:18-20