

BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF MATTHEW

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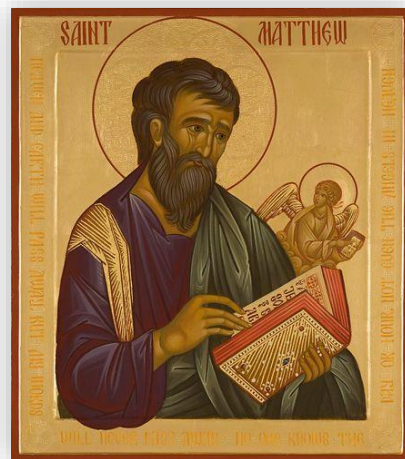
- Preceded by the Book of Malachi
- Followed by the Book of Mark
- The first Book of the New Testament

AUTHOR

St. Matthew the Apostle

WHO IS ST. MATTHEW?

- He was born in Palestine
- His name was Levi and was the son of Alphaeus
- He was a tax collector
- Jesus told him “follow Me”; He did promptly
- He was one of the 12 disciples
- He is one of the 4 evangelists
- Jesus changed his name to Matthew- meaning “gift of Yahweh”
- Description of his call to Apostleship in Matthew 9:9-13
- He threw a feast for Jesus and His companions in his own house
- According to the tradition, he preached as far afield as Ethiopia, Persia and died a martyr

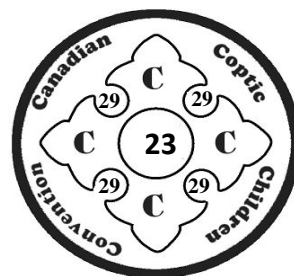


Symbol of St. Matthew Gospel is a human/angel

FACTS ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

- Written to the Jews; begins by reviewing the genealogy of Jesus; he wanted to show that Jesus was the **Son of David**, and traces his lineage back to Abraham
- One of the 3 Synoptic Gospels
- Written to prove to the Jewish leaders that Jesus is their **promised Messiah and promised King** “ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet”
- The Jewish royal title “**Son of David**” is mentioned 9 times
- Jerusalem is referred to as the “**Holy City**” and the “**City of the Great King**”
- Has about 50 direct citations and 5 allusions to the Hebrew Scripture
- Proves that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies
- Original language was Greek

The main subject is the “Kingdom of Heaven”



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KEY WORD

Jesus the King



KEYS

KEY CHAPTER

Chapter 12

The Pharisees reject Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Christ gives increased attention to His disciples and repeats statement regarding His death and resurrection.



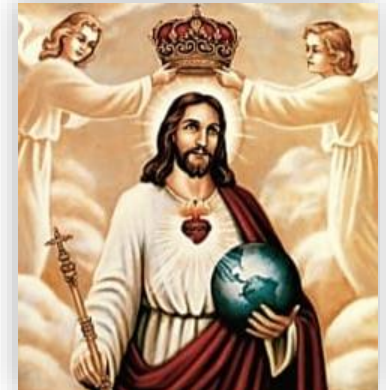
KEY VERSES

“Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:16-19

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”-Amen.”
Matthew 28:18-20

PURPOSE

To prove that Jesus is the Promised Messiah. The promise to Abraham was that *“in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”*. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world is the **Son of Abraham**, He is also the **Son of David** therefore He is **Israel’s King**. The Magi know that the **“King of the Jews”** has been born and come to worship Him.



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OUTLINE



Part One: The Presentation of the King (1:1-4:11)

1- The coming of the King

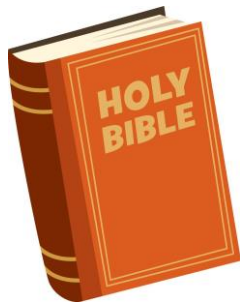
- Genealogy of Christ
- Birth of Christ
- Visit of the Wise Men
- Flight into Egypt
- Herod kills the children of Bethlehem
- Jesus returns to Nazareth

2- The Announcer of the King

- The person of John the Baptist
- The preaching of John the Baptist

3- The Approval of the King

- Baptism of Jesus
- Temptation of Jesus



Part Two: The Proclamation of the King (4:12-7:29)

1- The Background for the Sermon

- Jesus begins His ministry
- Jesus calls His first disciples
- Jesus ministers in Galilee

2- Sermon on the Mountain

- The subject of the Kingdom
- The relationship of Jesus to the Law
- Entering the Kingdom



Part Three: The Power of the King (8:1-11:1)

1- The Demonstration of the King's Power

- Miracles of healing
- Miracles of Power
- Miracles of restoration

2- The Delegation of the King's Power

The 12 apostles are instructed and sent

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Part Four: The Progressive Rejection (11:2- 16:12)

1- The Commencement of Rejection

- Rejection of John the Baptist
- Rejection by Jesus' generation
- Rejection of the three cities



2- The Rejection of Christ by the Pharisees

- Controversy over Sabbath labor and healing
- Pharisees plan to destroy Christ
- Pharisees blaspheme the Holy Spirit
- Pharisees demand a sign



3- Consequences of the Rejection

- Parables to the multitude
- Parables to the disciples

4- Continuing Rejection

- Rejection at Nazareth
- Rejection by Herod
- Rejection by the Scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees

Part Five: The Preparation of the King's Disciples (16:13-20:28)

1- The Revelation of the King

- The person of the King
- The program of the King

2- The Instruction in view of the Rejection

- Instruction about: Faith- Taxes – Humility- Causing offense – Forgiveness – Divorce – Wealth – Jesus' death- Ambition



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Part Six: The Presentation and Rejection (20:29 – 27:66)

- 1- The Blind Men Recognize the King
- 2- The Public Presentation of the King
 - The Triumphal entry
 - The cleansing of the temple
- 3- The Nation Rejects the King
- 4- The King Rejects the Nation
- 5- The Prediction of the King Second Coming
- 6- The Passion of the King
 - The religious leaders plot to kill Jesus
 - Mary anoints Jesus for burial
 - Judas agrees to betray Jesus
 - The disciples celebrate the Passover
 - Jesus is arrested in Gethsemane
 - Jesus is tried
 - Jesus is crucified
 - Jesus is buried



Part Seven: The Proof of the King (28:1-20)

- 1- The Empty Tomb
- 2- The Appearance of Jesus to the Women
- 3- The Bribery of the Soldiers
- 4- The Appearance of Jesus to the Disciples
- 5- The Great Commission



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SPECIAL NOTES

ONLY IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW



MIRACLES

Healing Two Blind Men in Nazareth (Matthew 9:27-31)
Healing A Mute and Demon Possessed Man (Matthew 9:32-33)
Catching a Fish with a Coin in its Mouth (Matthew 17:24-27)



PARABLES

Weeds Among the Wheat (Matthew 13:24-30)
The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35)
The Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
The Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)
The Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)

EVENTS

The appearance of an Angel of the Lord in a dream to Joseph.
The Star of Bethlehem to guide the visit of the Magi.
Joseph's role in the Flight into Egypt.
The Massacre of the Innocents in Bethlehem.
The return of the Holy Family to Nazareth.



DID YOU KNOW?

St. Matthew is the only one of the Gospel writers to refer to the Church .

“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church.” Matthew 16:18

It has Ten Parables on the Kingdom of Heaven, 7 of which occur in chapter 13.

It contains more than 130 Old Testament quotes and allusions

St. Matthew names 5 women in the Genealogy of Christ: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, the wife of Uriah (Bathsheba), and St. Mary, the mother of Jesus

The Gospel of St. Matthew is noted especially for: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Chapters 5-7, the source of the **Beatitudes** (5:1-10) and the **Lord's Prayer**, (6:9-13). Jesus states the **Golden Rule** in the Sermon on the Mount (7:12). The Gospel closes with the **Great Commission** and Jesus calling the Apostles, "to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the **Name** of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded to you" (28:19-20).

St. Matthew repeatedly uses two phrases :

“That which was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled”

“The Kingdom of Heaven” used 32 times.