

# The Gospel According To Matthew

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"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
Matthew 16:16

## Purpose

To show that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah - He of whom Moses and the prophets did write. Note the phrase "This was to fulfill" (Spoken of Jesus, or events surrounding Messiah such as the "forerunner"). 1:22, \*2:15, \*2:17, \*2:23, 3:15, 4:14, 8:17, 12:17, \*13:14, 13:35, 21:4, \*26:54-56, 27:9

## Structure

Matthew is written in a series of repeating cycles of discourse and narrative.

Section	Transition	Discourse	Transition	Narrative
Prologue: 1-4				Genealogy, birth and baptism
Presentation: 5-9	5:1	Messiah presents his Kingdom: Sermon on the Mount	7:28	Authority demonstrated in miracles
Preparation: 10-12	10:1	Messiah prepares his Disciples: Expect persecution and sacrifice	11:1	Opposition to the Kingdom begins
Parables: 13-16	13:2	Messiah's parables of the Kingdom: The Kingdom described	13:53	The message is polarizing (some are in and some are out)
Principles: 17-23	18:1	Messiah's principles of Kingdom living: Life is different in the Kingdom	19:1	Received by some, rejected by many
Pronouncement: 24-28	24:3	Messiah pronounces judgment	26:1	The passion of Christ
Postscript: 28		Messiah send out his followers		

## Practical Application

- Excellent introduction to the teaching of Christianity.
- Helpful in understanding the "Kingdom of Heaven".
- Especially useful in understanding how Jesus is the fulfillment of the teaching of the Old Testament

## NARRATIVE: Genealogy, Birth, Early Ministry

### Matthew 1

- **Genealogy** Jesus: the messiah, Son of David, Son of Abraham (1:1)
- **Nativity** God with us (1:23)

### Matthew 2

- **Magi** Where is he who has been born King of the Jews (2:2)
- **Flight to Egypt** Out of Egypt I called my son (2:15)
- **Massacre of Innocents** Rachel weeping for her children because they are no more (2:18)

### Matthew 3

- **John the Baptist** Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (3:2)
- **Baptism of Jesus** This is my beloved son (3:17)

### Matthew 4

- **Temptation of Jesus** It is written (4:4, 7, 10)
- **Capernaum** The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light (4:16)
- **Calling Disciples** Follow me (4:19)
- **Galilee preaching tour** Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing the sick (4:23)

## DISCOURSE: Sermon On The Mount

### Matthew 5-6

- **Beatitudes** Character of the righteous
- **Similitude's** You are the salt of the earth (5:13) the light of the world (5:17)
- **The Law** I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (5:17)
- **Contrast Of The Kingdom**

	<b>You have heard/seen...</b>	<b>But I say...</b>
5:21	Don't murder	Anger equals guilt
5:27	Don't commit adultery	Don't lust
5:31	Give a certificate of divorce	Divorce = Adultery
5:37	Keep your vows	Always be honest
5:38	Eye for an eye	Don't resist evil
5:43	Hate enemies / love neighbor	Love enemy
6:4	Sound trumpet when giving	Give in secret
6:5	Pray to be seen	Pray in your inner room
6:6	Meaningless repetition	Pray from the heart
6:16	Neglect appearance when fasting	Wash your face
6:19	Store up on earth	Store up in heaven
6:33	Worry	Seek God's Kingdom

### Matthew 7

- **Teaching on judgment** Notice the log in your own eye (7:3)
- **Ask / Seek / Knock** Your Father in heaven gives what is good (7:11)
- **The "golden rule"**
- **Two Ways** Enter by the narrow gate (7:13)
- **False prophets** You will know them by their fruits (7:20)

- **Obedience** Not everyone who says...but he who does...will enter (7:21)

## **NARRATIVE: Jesus demonstrates his authority (7:28)**

### **Matthew 8-9**

- **Miracles of healing** He took our infirmities and carried away our diseases (8:17)
- **Following the King** Follow me and let the dead bury the dead (8:22)
- **Miracles of authority**
  - Authority over nature (8:27)
  - Authority over Satan (8:29)
  - Authority over sin (9:6)
  - Authority over ritual (9:17)
  - Authority over life (9:24)
  - Authority over sight (9:30)
  - Authority over demons (9:33)

## **DISCOURSE: The Twelve are instructed and sent out**

- **Need for laborers** When he saw the multitude, he had compassion on them (9:36)

### **Matthew 10**

- **Commissioning the 12** As you go, preach (10:7)
- **Warning: Persecution** They will hand you over to the courts (10:17)
- **Warning: Do not fear** Do not fear those who can kill the body (10:28)
- **Warning: Sacrifice** He who loves his father more than me: not worthy of me (10:37)

## **NARRATIVE: Opposition to the kingdom begins (11:1)**

### **Matthew 11**

- **Rejection of John** John, while imprisoned, heard of the works (11:2)
- **Rejection of Jesus** To what shall I compare this generation? (11:16)
- **Rejection by cities** Denounces the cities ... because they did not repent (11:20)

### **Matthew 12**

- **Rejection by Pharisees**
  - Sabbath: Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (12:8)
  - Demons: I cast out demons by the Spirit of God (12:28)
  - Sign: I will be 3 days/nights in earth (12:40)

## **DISCOURSE: Parables Of The Kingdom**

### **Matthew 13: Kingdom Parables**

- **The soil** The Word of the Kingdom has different results
- **The wheat and tares** Wheat and tares together until the harvest
- **The mustard seed** Gentiles are in the Kingdom (Ezekiel 31:6)
- **The leaven** The Kingdom permeates the world

- **The treasure / Pearl**      The Kingdom is worth more than anything
- **The dragnet**                Wicked and righteous together until sorted at judgment
- **The householder**        Kingdom truth - old and new enlighten each other

## **NARRATIVE: The dividing lines of the Kingdom (13:53)**

### **Matthew 14**

- **Death of John**                Give me here on a platter the head of John (14:8)
- **Miracle of power**
  - **Feeding**                        He saw a large crowd and felt compassion on them (14:14)
  - **Walk on water**                Take courage – it is I (14:27)
  - **Healing many**                As many as touched his cloak were healed (14:36)

### **Matthew 15**

- **Confrontation**                Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you (15:7)
- **The source of depravity**      Things that come from the heart – those defile the man (15:19)
- **Compassion - a gentile**      Woman – your faith is great. It shall be done for you (15:28)
- **Compassion - multitude**      The crowd marveled – and glorified the God of Israel (15:31)

### **Matthew 16**

- **Pharisees seek a sign**        A sign will not be given except the sign of Jonah (16:4)
- **Warning - Pharisees**        Beware the leaven of the Pharisees (16:11)
- **Peter's confession**            You are the Christ – the Son of the Living God (16:16)
- **Foretells the passion**        From this time on... (Key turning point) (16:21)
- **Cost of discipleship**        He must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me (16:24)

### **Matthew 17**

- **Transfiguration**              This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased (17:5)

## **DISCOURSE: Instructions To The Disciples**

- **Faith in ministry**              Faith the size of a mustard seed (17:20)
- **Passion foretold (#2)**        The son of man is going to be delivered (17:22)

### **Matthew 18 – Instructions concerning...**

- **Greatness**                      Become like children (18:3)
- **Offenses**                        Woe to the man through whom the stumbling block comes (18:7)
- **Salvation**                        Not the Fathers will that any should perish (18:14)
- **Reconciliation**                If your brother sins... (18:15)
- **Forgiveness**                    Forgive your brother from the heart (18:35)

## **NARRATIVE: The kingdom is received by some, rejected by many (19:1)**

### **Matthew 19 – Answers to questions concerning...**

- **Is it lawful to divorce?**      What God has joined together, let no man separate (19:6)
- **Who can be saved?**            With God, all things are possible (19:25)
- **What will there be for us?**    You will inherit eternal life (19:29)

### **Matthew 20**

- **Laborers in vineyard** The last shall be first and the first shall be last (20:16)
- **Passion foretold (#3)** The Son of Man will be delivered up (20:18)
- **Servant-hood** Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (20:28)
- **Recognition of the King** Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us (20:31)

### **Matthew 21**

- **Recognition by crowd** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (21:9)
- **Cleansing the Temple** My house shall be called a house of prayer (21:13)
- **Praise from children** Children were shouting Hosanna (21:15)
- **Chief Priests question** By what authority do you do these things? (21:23)
- **Three Parable** The Kingdom belongs to people of faith, not race

### **Matthew 22 – Attempts To Trap The King**

- **Herodians: politics** Render unto Caesar (22:21)
- **Sadducees: theology** He is the God of the living (22:32)
- **Pharisees: law** Love the Lord your God / neighbor as yourself (22:37,39)
- **Jesus' challenges** No one was able to answer him a word (22:46)

## **DISCOURSE: Judgment both Now and Later**

### **Matthew 23**

- **Warning against Pharisees** Do not do according to their deeds (23:3)
- **Eight Woes** How will you escape the sentence of hell? (23:32)
- **Lament over Jerusalem** Behold your house is being left desolate (23:38)

### **Matthew 24 – End Time Questions of the Disciples: When and What?**

- **Tribulation (What)** For there will be a great tribulation (24:21)
- **The Signs (When)** But the day and hour, no one knows (24:36)

### **Matthew 25 – In View of the End, Be Ready!**

- **Ten Virgins** "Be Ready" – be on the alert (25:13)
- **Talents** "Be Faithful" – I will put you in charge of much (25:23)
- **Final judgment** he will separate them one from another (25:32)

## **NARRATIVE: The passion of Christ (26:1)**

### **Matthew 26**

- **Preparing the disciples** In two days, the crucifixion (26:2)
- **Preparing the body** She did it to prepare me for burial (26:12)
- **Preparing Judas** He began looking for a good opportunity (26:16)
- **Last Supper** This is my body (26:26) This is my blood (26:28)
- **Preparing Peter** You will deny me three times (26:34)
- **Preparing Jesus** Not as I will but as you will (26:39)
- **Betrayal** Do what you came for (26:50)
- **Trial before Caiaphas** He deserves death (26:66)
- **Denial by Peter** I do not know the man (26:72)

### **Matthew 27**

- **Crucifixion planned** Conferred together to put him to death (27:1)
- **Remorse of Judas** I have betrayed innocent blood (27:4)
- **Trial before Pilate** Are you the King of the Jews (27:11)
- **Exchange of Barabbas** What shall I do with Jesus (27:22)
- **Crucifixion/Death/Burial** He handed him over to be crucified (27:26)

### **Matthew 28**

- **Resurrection announced** He is not here, he is risen (28:6)
- **Appearance** Do not be afraid (28:10)
- **Conspiracy to cover up** Say that the body was taken (28:13)
- **Appearance to Disciples** When they saw him, they worshiped him (28:17)

## **DISCOURSE: The followers are sent out**

- **The Great Commission** Go therefore and make disciples (28:19)