



**The Gospel of**  
**Matthew**

**What Jesus Said**



- “**Man** shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” — 4.19
  - ◆ Jesus’ first response to Satan’s temptation in the wilderness.
    - The temptation was to act selfishly and indict God’s provision (cf. 4.1)
  - ◆ Jesus is quoting from Deuteronomy 8.3 about manna.
    - God allowed Israel to hunger in order to bring them to faith
  - ◆ God has promised to provide for those who follow Him — both in this life (Matthew 6.33) and the life to come (7.21).

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- “I am willing; be cleansed” — Matthew 8.3
  - ◆ Jesus is speaking to a **leper** who had come to Him for healing.
    - It says a lot about this man’s desperation — and about Jesus’ heart
  - ◆ The leper didn’t doubt Jesus ability — only his worthiness
    - He was a leper, an outcast, not normal
  - ◆ Jesus reached out, and continues to reach out, to the weak, the undone, and the marginalized (1 Peter 5.7; Romans 5.8).
  - ◆ The question is not Jesus willingness, but our submission (Mt 23.37).

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- “Come to me, **all** who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest” — Matthew 11.28
  - ◆ Jesus was appealing to those who had yet to repent (11.20).
    - His audience was/is those heavy-laden with sin (11.21,29)
    - His audience was/is those wearied by the perseverance of sin (11.3)
  - ◆ Jesus invitation was/is to come to Himself for rest.

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- “Go therefore and make disciples of all the **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” — Matthew 28.19
  - ◆ Jesus was giving the apostles their lifelong mission.
    - God had vested all authority in Jesus — Christ was now sending them
    - The scope of their mission was world-wide
    - The nature of their mission was spiritual
    - The goal of their mission was to produce disciples

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- Mankind needs God (Matthew 4.19)
- Jesus will cleanse whoever comes to Him (8.3)
- Jesus offers rest and refreshment to everyone (11.28ff)
- The gospel message is for everyone (28.18ff)
  - ◆ The entry into Christ is the same for everyone
  - ◆ The place in Christ is the same for everyone
  - ◆ The hope in Christ is the same for everyone

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