

# The Gospel of Matthew

## **Matthew Class Synopsis:**

**The story of Jesus is told in four Gospels. Each writer has a special purpose for the way they organize the stories and messages from Jesus' life. Matthew uses a powerful, systematic, step by step approach to proving the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. If you are someone who likes to learn and teach in steps, this Gospel will appeal to you. Step 1: Genealogies prove Jesus. Step 2: Prophecy proves Jesus. And so forth. Once you get to the empty tomb in chapter 28, there is absolutely no doubt to the honest heart that Christ is King and we must serve and honor Him entirely.**

# Matthew Chapters 1-4

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Matthew's Gospel was written in about 60 A.D. to a Jewish audience. There were many Jewish Christians, but millions of Jews were not, rejecting Christianity. But 70 A.D. was fast approaching (the destruction of the temple and annihilation of one million Jews). Matthew is trying to convince them to believe in Jesus, trust Jesus, and follow His will today!

## Proving Jesus to a Jewish Audience:

- 1) Jesus connected to Patriarchs
- 2) Jesus supported by the Holy Spirit
- 3) Jesus observed in Prophecy
- 4) Jesus honored by John the Baptist
- 5) Jesus proved His Awesomeness

# Matthew Chapters 5-7

**The Sermon on the Mount** *Jesus' presentation can be categorized into 8 elements of Christian faith:*

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|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>1) Be Happy</b>       | <b>5:1-12</b>  | “Blessed” in Him, no matter the circumstances     |
| <b>2) Be Influential</b> | <b>5:13-16</b> | Like “salt” and “light – making a difference      |
| <b>3) Be Righteous</b>   | <b>5:17-48</b> | With righteousness that comes from the heart      |
| <b>4) Be Sincere</b>     | <b>6:1-18</b>  | Using sincerity in prayer, service and sacrifice  |
| <b>5) Be Loyal</b>       | <b>6:19-34</b> | In loyal, worry free, commitment to Christ        |
| <b>6) Be Fair</b>        | <b>7:1-6</b>   | Looking first within, then seeking to help others |
| <b>7) Be Diligent</b>    | <b>7:7-12</b>  | Ever diligently praying and pursuing God’s way    |
| <b>8) Be Obedient</b>    | <b>7:13-29</b> | Acting on what we hear, bearing good fruit        |

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## Miracles Prove the Power of Jesus:

- 1) He has Power over the Human Body**
  - a) Leper/Paralytic/Peter's Relative (ch.8)
  - b) Paralytic/Woman/Blind Men (ch.9)
- 2) He has Power over the Natural World**
  - a) Calms the Sea (8:23-27)
- 3) He has Power over the Spiritual World**
  - a) Casts out Demons (ch.8 / ch.9)
- 4) He has Power over the Eternal Soul**
  - a) Raises Dead Girl (8:23-26; Luke 8:54-55)

HIS AUTHORITY (8:9-10)

HIS IDENTITY (8:29)

HIS MERCY (9:1-6)

HIS KINGDOM (9:35)

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<b>The apostles of Jesus</b>	<b><i>10:1-42</i></b>
<b>Jews denounced by Jesus</b>	<b><i>11:1-30</i></b>
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## The Apostles of Jesus (10:1-42)

- a) Given a specific mission (v1-7)
- b) Supplied with immense power (v8-12)
- c) Hated by many Jewish brothers (v14-31)
- d) Made to choose Him over peace (v32-39)
- e) Hopeful to impart blessings (v40-42)

## Jews Denounced by Jesus (11:1-30)

- a) John was rejected and imprisoned (v1-15)
- b) Many had already rejected Jesus (v16-27)
- c) All Jesus wants to do is give Rest! (v28-30)

## Jews Contended with Jesus (12:1-50)

- a) The Pharisees accuse Jesus (v1-14)
- b) Jesus desires to Help People (v15-21)
- c) But the Pharisee are relentless (v22-45)
- d) Jesus desires to Build a Family (v46-50)

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## Chapter 11 – Jesus rebukes the Jews

v12-15 – Violence by the Jews

v16-19 – False accusations against John

v20-24 – Impenitence of the People

## Chapter 12 – Jesus contends with the Jews

v1-8 – Answers their unfounded Attack

v9-14 – Answers their unfounded Question

v22-30 – Answers their unfair Statement

v38-42 – Answers their unfair Demand

# Matthew Chapters 13-14

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<b>The opponents of Jesus</b>	<b>Ch 11-12</b>
<b>Kingdom Parables of Jesus</b>	<b>Ch 13</b>

## Chapter 13: The Kingdom in Parables

*“The Kingdom of Heaven” – the rule and authority Christ was to establish in heaven and on earth.*

*Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 5:3,10; 6:10,33; 7:21;  
8:11; 9:35; 10:7; 11:11-12; 12:25-28*

<b>The Sower and the Seed</b>	<b>v3-23</b>
<b>The Wheat and the Tares</b>	<b>v24-30, 36-43</b>
<b>The Mustard Seed</b>	<b>v31-32</b>
<b>The Leaven in the Flour</b>	<b>v33</b>
<b>The Found Treasure</b>	<b>v44</b>
<b>The Found Pearls</b>	<b>v45-46</b>
<b>The Dragnet in the Sea</b>	<b>v47-50</b>

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## Chapter 14: John's Death and Jesus' Reaction

13:53-58 – Jesus is in His hometown

14:1-12 – Matthew records John the Baptist's recent death.

14:13-14 – "*When Jesus heard*" He went away.

14:15-21 – "*When it was evening*" He fed thousands.

14:22-23 – "*Immediately*" He went away to pray.

14:24-33 – He walks on water to the boat. Peter joins.

14:34-36 – They cross to Gennesaret and He heals many.



# Matthew Chapters 15-17

## **Chapter 15: *Pharisees or Followers?***

Some Jews question Jesus and He rebukes them entirely – v1-20

Other Jews follow Jesus and He blesses them incredibly – 21-39

## **Chapter 16: *Pharisees or Followers?***

Some Jews test Jesus and He teaches them nothing – v1-12

Other Jews follow Jesus and He teaches them everything – 13-29

## **Chapter 17 – Matthew focuses on FAITH in Jesus**

*The Mount of Transfiguration – vs 1-8*

*Elijah's Forerunning Work – vs 9-13*

*The Power of Great Faith – vs 14-21*

*The Mission of Jesus – D,B,R – vs 22-23*

*Jesus connects Himself to Kingship – vs 24-27*

# Matthew Chapters 18-20 – More on the Kingdom of Heaven

## Chapter 18: Who is the Greatest?

**The Humble v. 1-4**

**The Careful v. 5-11**

**The Useful v. 12-18**

**The Merciful v. 21-35**

## Chapter 19 – Three Questions for Jesus

*Is it lawful for a man to divorce  
his wife for any reason at all?* v.1-12

*Teacher, what good shall I do  
that I may obtain eternal life?* v. 16-26

*Behold, we have left everything and  
followed You; what then will there be for us?* v. 27-30

## Chapter 20: Major Kingdom Principle – “So the last shall be first, and the first last”

The Parable of the Landowner v. 1-16

His own Death, Burial and Resurrection v.17-19

The attitude of His own Apostles v.20-28

Mercy upon the two blind men v.29-34

# Matthew Chapters 1-20

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<b>The Glory of Jesus</b>	<b>Ch 17</b>
<b>The Kingdom of Jesus</b>	<b><i>Ch 18-20</i></b>

## Implication:

**His lineage connects him to kingship**

**His story was foretold in the prophets**

**His preaching proves His wisdom**

**His miracles demonstrate His power**

**His apostles carry His Spirit and approval**

**His opponents are fools before Him**

**His mission is to build a great Kingdom**

**His focus never wavers from serving God**

**His wisdom silences all who oppose Him**

**His proven majesty fully funds our faith**

**His kingdom is for you and all humble seekers**

# Matthew Chapters 21-28 – The Final Week of Jesus' Life

## All 4 Gospels Settle Here:

**Matthew 21-28**

**Mark 11-16**

**Luke 19-24**

**John 12-21**

## Chapter 21 – Jesus enters Jerusalem as the Prophets Wrote

### Event:

Enters Jerusalem on a colt

Drives greedy men out of the Temple

Proves the hard hearts of the Pharisees

### Prophecy:

Isaiah 62:11; Zech. 9:9

Isaiah 56:7; Jer. 7:11

Psalms 118:22

## Chapter 22: Jesus contends with the Pharisees and Sadducees in Jerusalem

(v1-14) - He begins with a parable that indicts the Jewish leaders for their hard hearts

### The Jews ask 3 Questions:

- 1) Is it lawful to give tax to Caesar? (v17)
- 2) Who is married to whom in heaven? (v28)
- 3) What is the greatest commandment? (v36)

Jesus answers powerfully each time.

### Jesus asks 3 Questions

- 1) Whose son is the Christ? (v42)
- 2) How does David call Him Lord? (v44)
- 3) How is He David's Son? (v45)

The Jews had no answer!

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## **Chapter 23 – Jesus exposes the Hypocrisy of the Pharisees**

### Common Attributes of Hypocrisy (v1-7)

- 1) The teaching is accurate.
- 2) The application is for others.
- 3) The purpose is self-promoting.

### Jesus' strong words against the Pharisees

- 1) "Woe to you" (mentioned 8 times)
- 2) "hypocrites" (mentioned 3 times)
- 3) "blind" (mentioned 3 times)

## **Chapter 24 – Signs of Eminent Destruction**

*Jesus makes a Statement about the Temple* v1-2

*The disciples ask a Two Part Question* v3

*Jesus Answers the question: part 1* v4-35

*Jesus Answers the question: part 2* v36-51

## **Chapter 25 – The Second Coming!**

*v31-33 – Jesus has the final judgment in view*

**SO...**

*v1-13 – Get ready and stay ready! Be alert.*

*v14-28 – Be active, a multiplier and grower.*

*V34-46 – Serve others. Serve others. Serve others.*

# Matthew Chapters 26-28 – The Final Days of Jesus' Life

## Chapter 26

v2 – He knows what is coming

v11 – His departure is expected

v21 – He knew the betrayer

v26 – He spoke of the covenant

v32 – He spoke of resurrection!

v34 – He knew about Peter

v39 – His mission was agonizing

v50 – He faced it with dignity

v56 – He referenced prophets

v64 – He announced Godhood

## Chapter 27

v11 – He accepts the name “King”

v46 – He quotes David – Psalm 22

v51 – His death tore the veil

v51 – His death shook the earth

v52 – His death emptied tombs

v63 – His death worried adversaries

## Chapter 28

v6 – “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.”

v9 – “And behold, Jesus met them, and greeted them.”

v18 – “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”

## What does Matthew's account teach us about Jesus?