

# A Survey of the New Testament

## Lesson 3: Matthew

“Jesus is the Messiah!”

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**Summary: Matthew relates the events of Jesus’ life to OT prophecy so the Jews will recognize Him as their Messiah.**

**Author:** Matthew

- Name means “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- Was employed as a tax collector before Jesus called him (Matt. 9:9).
- Israelites hated the tax collectors (publicans).
  - They were employees of Rome.
  - They were free to cheat their fellow Israelites.
  - Luke 19:8. When Zacchaeus followed Jesus, he promised to refund those he had cheated.
- Matthew became one of the twelve apostles.

**Purpose:**

- Matthew wrote to convince the Jews that Jesus was the promised Messiah of the OT.
  - There are about \_\_\_\_\_ direct quotes and \_\_\_\_\_ allusions to OT events.
  - Five specific fulfillments (2:17-18; 4:13-15; 13:34-35; 21:2-5; 27:9-10)

**Primary Recipients:** \_\_\_\_\_

- He maintained sensitivity to Jewish tradition about the name of God by using the phrase “kingdom of heaven” instead of “kingdom of God.”
- He did not explain Jewish traditions and feasts like the other gospel authors.
- He may have been specifically addressing the Hellenized, scattered Jews since he wrote in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date:** Probably written soon after the Ascension (Matt. 28:16-20).

- He ended with ascension and the Great Commission.
- The church did not consciously reach out to Gentiles until Peter’s dream in Acts 10.
- Generally accepted date is AD \_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew may have been distributed with the dispersed Jews after Pentecost (Acts 2:5-10).

**Background and Summary:**

- Matthew, out of all the gospels, assumes his readers are well acquainted with OT Scripture and Jewish traditions.

- Like all the Gospels, Matthew is set in and around Israel with the most important event, \_\_\_\_\_, taking place in Jerusalem.

**Book Content Overview:**

- Introduction (1-4)
  - Birth (1-2)
  - Official entrance to ministry (3-4)
- Discourse/Narrative Pair #1 (5-9)
  - Discourse: the Sermon on the Mount (5-7)
  - Narratives: miracles authenticating Jesus' claim to be Messiah in fulfillment of Is. 35:5-6 (8-9)
    - Included healings of demon-possessed, lepers, lame, blind, deaf, multitudes, and even a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Discourse/Narrative Pair #2 (10-12)
  - Discourse: Jesus officially commissions 12 disciples to spread the word about Him (10).
  - Narrative: Jesus creates a divide in Israel between those who have a relationship with God and those who don't (11-12).
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ are turned away from Jesus.
    - Only those who do God's will have a relationship with the Messiah.
- Discourse/Narrative Pair #3 (13-17)
  - Discourse: The Kingdom Parables (13)
  - Narrative: The Messiah's Kingly glory is \_\_\_\_\_ on earth (14-17).
    - Although this section also includes rejection by Nazareth and the Jewish leaders, it climaxes with Jesus' transfiguration.
- Discourse/Narrative Pair #4 (18-23)
  - Discourse: Rules for Kingdom Living (18)
  - Narrative: The Messiah ministers in and around Jerusalem prior to His death (19-23)
    - A key part of this section is Jesus' cursing of the \_\_\_\_\_, a symbol of His curse on the Jews who had rejected His reign.
- Discourse/Narrative Pair #5 (24-28:15)
  - Discourse: The \_\_\_\_\_ Discourse (24-25)
  - Narrative: The Messiah's Death and Resurrection (26-28:15)
- Conclusion (28:16-20)

**Important People:**

- Jesus
- Mary & Joseph
- \_\_\_\_\_
- The Twelve Disciples
- The Religious Leaders
- Pilate

**Key Theme:**

- Kingdom of Heaven
  - This is a phrase used \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel of Matthew and nowhere in the rest of the Bible.
  - Other authors said, “Kingdom of God,” but the meaning is still the same.
  - Now: Jesus rules in the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers.
  - Future: Jesus will reign on the Millennial throne.
- Son of David
  - This is another way that Matthew emphasized his writing to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus is the final descendant of David who will rule on the Millennial throne.

**Key Doctrine:** Jesus is the promised \_\_\_\_\_ of the OT Scriptures.

- His life was the subject of all the OT prophets; we discussed some of these last week.
- Even many of Israel’s celebrations were types of Christ.
  - He was crucified on Passover.
  - The Holy Spirit was given on Pentecost.

**Challenge to Matthew:** Did Matthew 24 refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in \_\_\_\_\_ or a still-future event?

- If these events were fulfilled in AD 70, the text must be interpreted strangely.
  - V. 29 talks about the sun being darkened and the stars falling from heaven.
  - V. 30 talks about the \_\_\_\_\_ coming in the clouds.
  - These and other events have not yet been fulfilled.
  - The literal reading of the text leads us to associate these events with the end of time.
  - Then Jesus will indeed return to earth in the clouds then.

**Application:** Let the King of Heaven reign in your heart.