

Matthew

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

MATTHEW

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

1

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

28

TYPE

GOSPEL, SYNOPTIC



OVERVIEW

One of the Gospels, this book is an account and testimony of Jesus Christ. It was written by Matthew, an educated tax collector who was one of the original Twelve Apostles. His account is unique in that it was written for the Jewish people, to persuade them that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Matthew understood the importance of supporting his testimony with Old Testament prophecy, which he cited more than 50 times. The book is a balance of stories, teachings, miracles, and prophecies.



WRITTEN
60-65 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
7 BC to 26 AD



AUTHOR
Matthew the Apostle

Key Verse

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

Background

About the Gospels

The word 'gospel' means _____.

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrayal of Jesus	Jesus the King	Jesus the Suffering Servant	Jesus the Son of Man	Jesus the Son of God
Primary Recipients	Jews	Roman Church	Theophilus and all Gentiles	All People
Primary Purpose	Show Jesus as Israel's long awaited Messiah	Strengthen suffering believers by focusing on the suffering, yet triumphant Savior.	Provide a warm, human portrait of the Savior of the whole world.	Encourage belief in the eternal Son of God.
Probable Written Order	Second	First	Third	Fourth

About the Book

Written by a Jewish tax collector also known as Levi.

It is the bridge between the Old Testament & New Testament because of its position.

It has more Old Testament quotes and references than the other gospels.

It uses the terms "kingdom of heaven" which is a Jewish concept.

Major Discourses in Matthew

- The Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7)
- The Sending out of the Twelve (Chapter 10)
- Kingdom Parables (Chapter 13)
- Kingdom Living (Chapter 18)
- The Olivet Discourse (Chapters 24-25)

Outline of Matthew

Revelation of the King (Chapters 1-10)

- The Person of the King (Matthew 1-4)
 - His Ancestry and Birth
 - His Messenger (Isaiah 40:3)
 - His Temptation and Early Ministry

The Principles of the King (Matthew 5-7)

Key verse of the Sermon on the Mount is Matthew 5:20

The Power of the King (Matthew 8-10)

- A series of miracles, proving his identity.
- Healing of a leper. (8:1-4)
- Healing of centurion's servant. (8:5-13)
- Healing of Peter's mother-in-law. (8:14-17)
- Jesus calms the storm. (8:23-27)
- Healing two demon-possessed men. (8:28-34)
- Healing a paralytic. (9:1-8)
- Dead girl and sick woman (9:18-26)
- Disciples perform miracles (10:1)

Rebellion Against the King (Chapters 11-13)

- His messenger rejected (11:1-19)
- His words denied (11:20-28)
- Jesus placed under suspicion (12)
- Result: The parables of the kingdom (13)
 - The Sower (13:1-23)
 - The Weeds (13:24-30)
 - Mustard Seed & Yeast (13:31-35)
 - Hidden Treasure & Pearl (13:44-45)
 - The Net (13:47-52)
 - Jesus rejected in his hometown (13:57)

The King Prepares for the Cross (Chapters 14-20)

- Jesus Trains His Disciples (Matthew 14:1-16:12)
 - Feeding of 5000 (14:13-21)
 - Walking on Water (14:22-36)
 - Confronting pharisees (15:1-20)
 - Daughter of Canaanite woman healed (15:21-28)
 - Jesus fees 4000 (15:29-39)
 - Jesus warns about Pharisees/Sadducees (16:1-12)

Peter's Confession (Matthew 16:13-28)

Jesus asks about his identity (16:13-17)

Jesus explains his destiny (16:21)

Continued Training of the Disciples (17-20)

The Transfiguration (17:1-13)

Healing of a demon-possessed boy (17:14-20)

Second mention of crucifixion (17:22-23)

Miraculous paying of temple tax (17:24-27)

The greatest in the kingdom (18:1-9)

Parable of lost sheep (18:10-14)

Instructions on forgiving others (18:15-20)

Parable of the unmerciful servant (18:21-35)

Teaching on divorce (19:1-12)

The little children & Jesus (19:13-15)

The rich young man (19:16-30)

Parable of vineyard workers (20:1-17)

Third mention of crucifixion (20:17-19)

A mother's request (20:20-28)

Blind men healed (20:29-34)

Rejection of the King (Chapters 21-27)

Growing Hostility

The Triumphant Entry (21:1-16)

Jesus clears the temple (21:12-17)

Fig tree withers (21:18-22)

Jesus' authority questioned (21:23-27)

Parables against religious leaders (21:28-22:14)

Paying taxes to Caesar (22:15-22)

Marriage at the resurrection (22:23-33)

The greatest commandment (22:34-40)

Whose son is the Christ (22:41-45)

Seven Woes (23:1-39)

Prophecies of the future kingdom (Matthew 24-25)

Signs of the end of the age (24:1-35)

Day and hour unknown (24:36-51)

Parable of the ten virgins (25:1-13)

Parable of the talents (25:14-30)

The sheep and the goats (25:31-46)

Suffering and Death (Matthew 26-27)

Judas agrees to betray Jesus (26:14-16)

The Lord's supper (26:17-35)

Gethsemane (26:36-45)

Jesus arrested (26:47-56)

Jesus before the Sanhedrin (26:57-67)

Peter disowns Jesus (26:69-75)

Judas hangs himself (27:1-10)

Jesus before Pilate (27:11-26)

Soldiers mock Jesus (27:27-31)

Crucifixion (27:32-44)

Death & burial of Jesus (27:45-66)

Resurrection of the King (Chapter 28)

Jesus rises from the dead (28:1-10)

Jesus commissions his followers (28:18-20)

Lessons/Observations

The Great _____ . (Matthew 6:33)

The Great _____ . (Matthew 22:37-39)

The Great _____ . (Matthew 28:19-20)