

# The Gospel of Matthew

## Chapters 1 to 28

### Introduction



#### A. Author of the Book

- There are 28 chapters in the Gospel of Matthew.
- Matthew is the writer of this Gospel. He is also known as Levi, the son of Alphaeus.

Author	Matthew / Levi
Date & Place	Probably between A.D. 35-65
The Purpose	To declare the good news of Jesus Christ.
To Whom Written	To those who were waiting for the Messiah. To every disciple of Jesus Christ.
The Theme	Jesus is the King
Key verse	Matthew 4:17 Matthew 6:33

#### 1. Biography on the Author

- Matthew has a Jewish background; he is an Israelite by birth. His name means “Gift of Jehovah”.
- Matthew’s occupation before he became a follower of Christ was a publican (tax-collector) under the Roman Government.
- Jesus found Matthew at work, and it was there that Jesus called him.

#### 2. Matthew’s calling, ministry, and relationship with the Lord, etc.

*Matthew 9:9* “And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.”

- a. What did it mean to be a Jewish Tax-Collector under the Roman Government?

#### Despised & Betrayal

- Tax collectors were very much despised people in their society.
- The money they collected was for Rome but also in some cases extortion would have been practiced. Collecting taxes for Rome made them traitors to the Jewish nation.

b. What did it mean to leave an occupation as a Tax-Collector?

### **Comfort and Betrayal**

- A Tax collector would have received benefits. In other words, Matthew was probably well looked after.
- Unlike the some of the others Disciples, once Matthew left job, there was no guarantee that he would get it back.
- But also, it would mean betrayal toward the Roman government. Perhaps, there could have been a risk for Matthew leaving his occupation.

c. The Strengths of Matthew

1) Matthew responded immediately to the Call of God.

*Matthew 9:9* "...and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."

2) Matthew invited his friends and many people to his home so they can hear the Lord Jesus.

*Luke 5:29* "And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them."

## **B. The Outline of the Gospel of Matthew**

### **1. King Jesus is REVEALED — chapters 1-10**

- a. His PERSON — Mat 1-4 (Jesus begins His Ministry)
  - b. His PREACHING — Mat 5-7 (Jesus' Great Sermon on the Mount)
  - c. His POWER — Mat 8-10 (Jesus Heals many people)
- In the beginning of Jesus' Ministry, He ministered to the "Lost Sheep of Israel:"
  - His Message was "REPENT"

*Matthew 4:17* "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## **2. King Jesus is REBELLED against— chapters 11-13**

- a. His PREACHER John is rejected — Mat 11:1-19
- b. His POWERFUL works are rejected — Mat 11:20-30
- c. His PURPOSE is refused — Mat 12:1-21
- d. His PERSON is attacked — Mat 12:22-50
- e. His PARABLES of the “mysteries of the kingdom” are introduced — Mat 13:1-58

## **3. King Jesus is REAFFIRMED — chapters 14-20**

- a. His COMPASSION — Mat 14-15 (Jesus feeds the thousands)
- b. Peter’s CONFESSION — Mat 16:1-20 (The Church is Introduced)
- c. His CROSS Predicted — Mat 16-20 ((Jesus predicts His death 3 times)

## **4. King Jesus is utterly REJECTED — chapters 21-27**

*Matthew 21:43* “Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”

- a. His PRAISE — Mat 21:1-16 (Jesus rides a donkey to Jerusalem)
- b. His PASSIONATE confrontation with the religious rulers — Mat 21:17-23:39
- c. His PROPHETIC message — Matt 24-25
- d. His PREDICTED suffering and death — Matt 26-27

## **V. King Jesus is RESURRECTED — Mat 28:1-20**

- a. The RESURRECTION — Mat 28:1-10
- b. The REPORT — Mat 28:11-15 (The Soldiers were bribed)
- c. The GREAT COMMISSION — Matt 28:16-20

## C. The Purpose of the Book

1. To DECLARE the good news of Jesus Christ.
  - The good tidings that the Saviour is born. JESUS means Saviour

*Matthew 1:21* “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

*Matthew 18:11* “For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.”

2. To DISCLOSE the Words and Works of Jesus Christ

- a. To Testify of the life of Christ.

*John 5:39* “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

- b. Jesus will be a fulfilment of the Law and prophets.

*Matthew 5:17* “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.”

- **Note:** Christ fulfills the law in all its facets.

- 1) He fulfills the moral law by keeping it perfectly.

*Hebrews 4:15* “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

- 2) Jesus is the true substance of the types, symbols, and shadows in the O/T, and Jesus fulfills them by His obedience to God the Father.

*Colossians 2:16-17* “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

- 3) Jesus fulfilled the law when he came and offered himself as a sacrifice to God.

*Galatians 3:13* “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”

## D. To Whom Written

- a. The Book of Matthew was written to the Disciples of Jesus Christ, beginning with the Jews.
  - There were 400 years of silence since Malachi the Prophet.
  - The People of Israel were waiting for the Messiah, for their King.
  - Matthew's Gospel authenticates the truth that JESUS is the promised Messiah.

- b. Matthew starts to present Jesus Christ as the "Son of David"

*Matthew 1:1* "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

- Jesus is the descendent of David and Christ will be the fulfil of the "Davidic Covenant".
- The Davidic Covenant refers to God's promises to David, that through his lineage, the Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come and establish His kingdom forever. It was an unconditional covenant as the promise rests fully on God's faithfulness and does not depend at all on David or Israel's obedience.
- Matthew goes on to make it clear to the Jews that Jesus does not have an earthly kingdom (His Kingdom is not of this world), but rather a heavenly Kingdom. A Kingdom that is greater than David's throne, and a Kingdom that is everlasting.
- Jesus' Great Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are characteristics of the children that are of the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Matthew 5:3* "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- c. Matthew begins to unveil the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies which introduces the New Testament that is in Jesus Christ.
  - It has been estimated that in the Gospel of Matthew there are 53 quotations from the O/T and 76 references to O/T passages giving a total of 129 times Matthew refers to about 25 O/T books. The word "fulfilled" is used at least 12 times.
  - Matthew frequently uses the phrase "**that it might be fulfilled**" confirming that Jesus is the fulfilment of the promised KING to come, thus satisfying the Scriptures in the OLD TESTAMENT.
  - **Here are some examples:**

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
<p><i>Isaiah 7:14</i> “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”</p>	<p><b>1. Jesus Born of a Virgin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This was prophesied by Isaiah the prophet.</li> <li>- That His name shall be called Emmanuel.</li> </ul> <p><i>Matthew 1:22-23</i> “Now all this was done, <b><u>that it might be fulfilled</u></b> which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, <b>23</b> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”</p>
<p><i>Isaiah 53:4</i> “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.”</p> <p>Sickness and diseases are the cause of Sin. We live in a sin-cursed world.</p>	<p><b>2. Jesus Bore our Grief</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 8:16-17</i> “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with <i>his</i> word, and healed all that were sick: <b>17 <u>That it might be fulfilled</u></b> which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”</p>
<p><i>Isaiah 42:1</i> “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”</p>	<p><b>3. Jesus is the Chosen Servant</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 12:17-18</i> “<b><u>That it might be fulfilled</u></b> which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, <b>18</b> Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.”</p>

<p><i>Psalm 78:2</i> “I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:”</p>	<p><b>4. Jesus Speaks in Parables</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 13:34-35</i> “All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: <b>35 That it might be fulfilled</b> which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.”</p>
<p><i>Zechariah 9:9</i> “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: <b><u>behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.</u></b>”</p>	<p><b>5. Jesus Riding a Donkey</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 21:4-5</i> “All this was done, <b><u>that it might be fulfilled</u></b> which was spoken by the prophet, saying, <b>5</b> Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”</p>
<p>The Old Testament predicted Jesus’ betrayal, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection, and all these had to be fulfilled.</p> <p><i>Psalm 22:16</i> “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.”</p>	<p><b>6. Jesus will Suffer and Die</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 26:53-54</i> “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? <b>54</b> But how <b><u>then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?</u></b>”</p> <p>Zechariah 13:7 – Matthew 26:31</p>
<p><i>Psalm 22:18</i> “They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”</p>	<p><b>7. Jesus had His Garments Parted</b></p> <p><i>Matthew 27:35</i> “And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: <b><u>that it might be fulfilled</u></b> which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.”</p>

- d. The Gospel of Matthew has specific teachings that relate to the Church.
- There are people that insist that there isn't anything in the gospel of Matthew for the church. That is not true at all.
  - To dismiss the Gospel of Matthew is to do away with the gospel of Mark and Luke. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the "synoptic gospels" because they have a lot in common, sharing many of the same accounts.

*John Phillips Said* "Matthew was particularly interested in the church and he was the only Gospel writer to mention it; on two occasions he made a direct and significant reference to the church and he alluded to it on other occasions."

e. **The Gospel of Matthew presents the Church.**

1) Jesus Promises the Disciples that He will build His Church

*Matthew 16:18* "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2) Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Church Discipline.

*Matthew 18:15-20* "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

3) The Church is commissioned to preach the Gospel in the World.

**Matthew 28:19** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

**Acts 1:8** “But ye shall receive power, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

**Acts 28:30** “And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.”

4) The Church is instructed to follow the teachings of Jesus

**Matthew 28:20** “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**John 17:8** “For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.”

**John 17:20** “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;”

5) The Church is Promised the Presence of the Lord to the End

**Matthew 28:20** “...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**Matthew 16:18** “...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

- 6) The Disciples were taught the Lord's Supper, and the Church is taught the Lord's Supper.

**Matthew 26:26-29** "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

- 7) The Church is considered to be labourers in God's Harvest.

**Matthew 9:37 -38** "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

**1 Corinthians 3:9** "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

- 8) The Disciples were taught to be a shining light, and the Church is taught to be shining light.

**Matthew 5:14** "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

**Ephesians 5:8** "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"

- 9) The Church is promised Persecution

**Matthew 10:16-18** "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles."

*Act 14:21-22* “And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”

*Matthew 5:11-12* “Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

- 10) The Disciples were taught about the Second Coming, and the Church is taught on the Second coming.

*Matthew 24:29-30* “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

*Revelation 1:7* “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

f. **The Apostle Paul referred to the Gospel of Matthew.**

*1 Corinthians 7:10-12* “And unto the married I command, yet not I, **but the Lord**, Let not the wife depart from her husband: 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.”

- Jesus teaches His Disciples on Marriage and Divorce, and the Church is taught on Marriage and Divorce.

*Matthew 5:31-32* “It hath been said, Whosoever shall put

away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

- This proves that the Church referred to the Gospels and the teaching of Jesus.
- The Apostles Paul addresses the elders of the Churches in Ephesus to REMEMBER the Words of Jesus.

*Acts 20:35* “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

**g. The Apostle James referred to the Gospel of Matthew**

*James 5:12* “But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.”

*Matthew 5:37* “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.”

**h. There are many others teachings found in the Gospel of Matthew that are applicable for the Church.**

- Matthew 11:28-30 is the famous passage that is constantly used by the Church today.

*Matthew 11:28-30* “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Ephesians 4:20* “But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:”

- Jesus Himself affirms the fact that the Holy Spirit will remind the Church of His teachings.

**John 14:26** “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

i. **The Gospel of Matthew also presents the ministry to the Gentiles**

**John Phillips Said** “Although Matthew wrote primarily for Jews, there is no exclusivism in his Gospel. He saw beyond Israel to the church, which was already a power in the world when he wrote. He saw the Gentiles coming into the blessing of God through faith in the Lord Jesus.”

- **Note:** Jesus uses the Testimony of a Gentile Centurion

**Matthew 8:10-13** “When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

- Jesus gives us an early indication that the Jews (as a nation) would not believe, but the Gentiles would.
- Jesus makes it clear that the Gentiles would flock from all over the world to fellowship with the Jewish patriarchs while the sons of the kingdom would be cast into outer darkness where there would be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- The Sons of the kingdom were considered to be Jews by birth, (*He came to His own, but his own received Him not*) who professed to know God as their King, but were never truly converted, because they rejected Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

### *Notice the Apostle Paul's Ministry*

**Act 28:23-28** “And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.”

- It looks like Paul faced what Jesus faced.
- Paul and Jesus quote the same Passage from Isaiah. (**Matthew 13:13-26**)
- Paul makes it clear that the SAME message preached to the Jews the gentiles will hear it.

**Acts 28:28** “Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.”

**Acts 13:46-47** “Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”

**Matthew 21:43** “Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”

**1 Peter 2:7-8** “Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

## Conclusion

### **E. Key passages or verses of the Book**

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

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**John 3:3** “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- The Church is made up of Born-again Believers who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 6:14-15** “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.”

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