

# **A Study of the Gospel of Matthew**

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## **WEEK 1: Matthew: The Disciple**

1. What we know about Matthew from the Scriptures
2. What we know about tax collectors in Jewish society
3. What we know about Matthew from secular history

## **WEEK 2: Matthew: The Book**

1. Author: internal evidence and testimony of early church
2. Purpose and goal of the book
3. Plan of the book

## **WEEK 3: Jesus: The Hope of Israel**

1. Matthew focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy
2. A look at how Matthew uses prophecy
3. A look at Jewish expectations
4. Matthew shows how Jesus fulfilled seemingly divergent expectations

## **WEEK 4: Jesus: The King Has Come**

1. His lineage and birth
2. The challenge to His reign: Satan
3. Like David of old, Jesus assembles His “mighty men” and does “mighty deeds”
4. References throughout Matthew to His kingship

## **WEEK 5: Jesus: The Lawgiver**

1. The Sermon on the Mount
2. Throughout Matthew, Jesus is “the teacher of righteousness”

## **WEEK 6: Jesus: The Authority of the King**

1. Authority is about Power
2. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate His power and authority
3. His miracles also drew people to Him, and demonstrated His care for people

## **WEEK 7: Jesus: His Kingdom is the Kingdom of Heaven**

1. A major theme of Matthew
2. Jesus’ teachings about His kingdom come mostly through His parables
3. Other connections in Matthew to the Kingdom

## **WEEK 8: Jesus: The King and His Subjects**

1. His “mighty men”
2. Those attracted to Him
3. Those who rejected Him

**WEEK 9: Jesus: The King Rejected**

1. Jesus' conflict with, and rejection by, the Jewish establishment
2. The King will come in judgment: the destruction of Jerusalem
3. Out with the old; in with the new

**WEEK 10: Jesus: The Suffering Servant**

1. Betrayal and arrest
2. Trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate
3. Crucifixion and death

**WEEK 11: Jesus: Long Live the King**

1. Events of that morning
2. Witnesses
3. Great Commission

**WEEK 12: Matthew: In Summary**

1. Makes the evidence for Jesus as the Messiah clear to Jewish hearers
2. Provides the facts (evidence) on which faith can be based for all who hear
3. Gave early believers the teaching materials they needed to defend their faith
4. Explains to early Christians the source for several teachings: Beatitudes, divorce and remarriage, Sermon on Mount, destruction of Jerusalem, more.
5. Like the other gospels, Matthew provides a reliable historical record of Jesus which has stood the test of time and critics.

### **Useful Bibliography**

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