

MATTHEW

Author: Matthew
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Theme: Jesus is the Messiah, the Eternal King.

Key verses: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”(28:19-20, ESV).

The early church placed Matthew first in the canon of the New Testament not because it was written first, but because it serves as a bridge connecting the two Testaments as the promise and the fulfillment. This Gospel presents Jesus as the Promised Messiah, King and a legal descendant of David. Matthew uses more Old Testament quotations and references than any other New Testament book (129). The author uses the terms *fulfill* or *fulfilled* 18 times and *kingdom* over 50 times in this book. Matthew also emphasizes Jesus as an authoritative teacher and interpreter of the Law of Moses and of the will of God.

Matthew (also known as Levi) wrote this book. Before becoming one of Jesus’ twelve apostles, Matthew was a despised tax collector for the Roman government. His life was totally changed by this Man from Galilee. He wrote this Gospel to show that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah and to explain God’s kingdom.

Matthew gives Jesus’ genealogy beginning with Abraham, the father of the Jewish people. This genealogy is indispensable because it shows that Jesus is a legal descendant of David through the royal line. Without this, it would be impossible to prove that He is the Messiah-King of Israel.

In addition to recording the events surrounding the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, Matthew also records five of Christ’s key discourses: 1) The Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer (chs. 5 - 7); 2) Instruction of the Disciples (ch. 10); 3) The Kingdom Parables (ch. 13); 4) Terms of Discipleship (ch. 18); and 5) The Olivet Discourse (chs. 24-25).

Outline

- I. Birth and Presentation of the Messiah-King (1:1 – 4:11)
 - A. Genealogy and Birth of the Messiah-King (1:1-25)
 - B. Wise Men, King Herod, the Escape to Egypt and Back (2:1-23)
 - C. Forerunner of the King, John the Baptist (3:1-12)
 - D. Baptism and Temptation of Jesus Christ (3:13 – 4:11)
- II. Message and Ministry of the Messiah-King (4:12 – 25:46)
 - A. Jesus Begins His Ministry (4:12-25)
 - B. Sermon on the Mount (5:1 – 7:29)
 - C. Jesus Performs Miracles (8:1 – 10:42)
 - D. Jesus Teaches about the Kingdom (11:1 – 13:52)
 - E. Rejection of Jesus and More Miracles and Teachings (13:53 – 20:34)
 - F. The Triumphal Entry of the Messiah-King (21:1-11)
 - G. Conflict with the Jewish Leaders (21:12 – 23:39)
 - H. The Olivet Discourse (24:1 – 25:46)
- III. Death and Resurrection of the Messiah-King (26:1 – 28:20)
 - A. Plot to kill Jesus (26:1-5)
 - B. Anointing of Jesus (26:6-13)
 - C. The Lord’s Supper and Gethsemane (26:14-46)
 - D. Jesus Arrested and Tried (26:47 - 27:25)
 - E. Jesus is Crucified and Buried (27:26 – 27:66)
 - F. The Resurrection and Appearances to Others (28:1-17)
 - G. The Great Commission (28:18-20)

MAJOR MESSIANIC PROPHECIES AND FULFILLMENTS IN MATTHEW

The Hebrew word Mashiach is translated “Messiah” or “anointed one” in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, which was originally written in Greek, the word christos has the same meaning and is translated as Christ. In other words, Messiah and Christ mean the same thing.

	Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. Messiah would be the seed of a woman	Genesis 3:15	Matt. 1:16
2. He would be a descendant of Abraham	Gen. 12:3; 18:18	Matt. 1:1, 2
3. He would be a descendant of Isaac	Gen. 17:19	Matt. 1:2
4. He would be a descendant of Jacob	Num. 24:17	Matt. 1:2
5. He would be from the tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matt. 1:2
6. He would be a descendant of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-5;10	Matt. 1:5
7. He would be of the lineage of David	2 Sam. 7:12-16	Matt. 1:1, 6
8. He would be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matt. 1:23
9. He would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt. 2:1-3
10. Prophecy of the star and kings	Num. 24:17; Is.60:3	Matt. 2:2-10
11. He would be worshipped as king	Ps. 2:6	Matt. 2:2
12. He would be called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matt. 2:13-21
13. His birth would bring massacre of innocents	Jeremiah 31:15	Matt. 2:16-18
14. One to prepare the way for the Messiah	Isaiah 40:3; Ma. 3:1	Matt. 3:1-3
15. Spirit of God will rest on the Messiah	Isaiah 11:2; 42:1	Matt. 3:16
16. He would be from Nazareth of Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matt. 4:13-16
17. He would give sight to the blind, heal the sick, raise the dead, set captives free	Isaiah 29:18; 35:5-6 Jeremiah 31:8-9	Matt. 4:12-21
18. He would have ministry by the Sea of Galilee	Isaiah 9:1,2; 42:6,7	Matt. 8 & 9
19. He would bare our sorrows and sickness	Is. 53:4-5	Matt. 10:41
20. Jonah points to Messiah’s death & resurrection	Jonah 1:17; 2:10	Matt. 12:39-40
21. He would be rejected by his people	Jeremiah 12:6	Matt. 13:54-57
22. He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matt. 21:1-10
23. He would come in the name of the Lord	Psalms 118:26	Matt. 21:9
24. He would be a great prophet	Deut. 18:15-19	Matt. 21:11
25. He would be the rejected cornerstone	Psalms 118:22	Matt. 21:42

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26. He would be rejected by His own people	Is. 53:1, 3; Ps. 118:22	Matt. 26:3-4
27. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matt. 26:14-15
28. He would be betrayed by a friend who would eat His bread	Psalm 41:9	Matt. 26:16-24
29. He would be struck	Isaiah 50:6	Matt. 26:67
30. His disciples would scatter	Zech. 13:7	Matt. 26:31
31. Silver used to buy Potter's Field	Zech. 11:12-13	Matt. 27:3-10
32. He would be tried and condemned	Isaiah 53:8	Matt. 27:12-14
33. He would be silent before His accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matt. 27:12-14
34. He would be beaten and spit on	Isaiah 50:6	Matt. 27:26, 30
35. He would be disfigured by cruelty	Isaiah 52:14	Matt. 27:27-30
36. He would suffer shame and reproach	Psalm 69:19	Matt. 27:28-29
37. He would be mocked	Ps. 22:7	Matt. 27:29
38. He would be executed	Ps. 22:14-18; Is. 53:5-7	Matt. 27:31-44
39. They cast lots for His garment	Psalm 22:18	Matt. 27:35
40. They would stare and gloat at Him	Psalm 22:17	Matt. 27:36-37
41. He would suffer with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Matt. 27:38
42. He would be given vinegar and gall	Psalm 69:12	Matt. 27:34, 48
43. When they looked, they shook their heads	Psalm 109:25	Matt. 27:39-40
44. He would be despised by people	Psalm 22:6	Matt. 27:39-44
45. Surrounded by enemies	Psalm 22:7, 8, 13	Matt. 27:39-44
46. He would make His grave with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matt. 27:56-60
47. Darkness on the earth	Psalm 22:2	Matt. 27:45
48. He would feel forsaken	Psalm 22:1	Matt. 27:46
49. He would be raised from the dead	Psalm 16:10	Matt. 28:1-10
50. Messiah would be for all nations	Is. 42:6; 60:3	Matt. 28:19-20