

Matthew: Jesus is Messiah

Why do we have _____ Gospels? Each Gospel relates to an aspect of Jesus' s life. Jesus is Messiah (King), Servant, Son of man, and Son of God. The purpose of Matthew is to prove that Jesus is the _____, the eternal and promised King. The Gospel of Matthew is saturated with Messianic _____ (Son of David) and Old Testament _____ (53 quotes and 76 other references).

What do we know about Matthew?

- A despised _____
- A _____ of Jesus
- A witness to _____
- A writer led by the _____

Matthew 9:9 reads, "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he rose and followed him." Matthew possessed a clear idea of how much it would _____ him to _____ Jesus. He didn't hesitate for a moment to obey the Lord. Is Jesus calling you and me to follow Him? If so, what has been our response?

Many people in our day host a "Matthew Party." It's an _____ witness in your house. Matthew 9:10 states, "And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples." Are our houses private _____ or ministry _____? Houses were important for ministry in the New Testament. People used their houses for worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, prayer, and missions. In other cultures, houses are vital to New Testament ministry. Church buildings are often _____ and _____ for God's people. Acts 2:46-47 reads, "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Philemon 1:1-3 states, "Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house; grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Matthew gives readers a comprehensive look at Jesus's _____ and _____.

- Jesus began His _____
- Jesus delivered the _____
- Jesus performed many _____
- Jesus taught about the _____
- Jesus encountered different _____ to His ministry
- Jesus faced conflict with certain _____
- Jesus taught on the _____

Dr. David Jeremiah – "Matthew never lost sight of his principle goal: bringing the Good News to his oppressed Jewish kinsmen."

10 Relevant Insights from Matthew's Gospel

1. God's _____ changes lives. Matthew was a corrupt tax collector. However, God changed his heart and calling. Matthew listed the genealogy of Jesus Christ. That list is filled with trophies of God's grace.
2. God expects His people to be _____ solid. Matthew stresses the importance of the Virgin Birth, Jesus's humanity and deity, the centrality of the Gospel, and a divine design for the church.
3. God uses our _____ for His preferred _____. Matthew knew how to maintain accurate records. God used his talent and training to record intimate details about Jesus's life and ministry.
4. Jesus calls _____ to "*come and follow*" Him. Jesus called fisherman and tax collectors to leave "all" and pursue His call.
5. God lifts high the value of specific spiritual _____. Matthew outlines the importance of praying, worshipping, fasting, giving, forgiving, and serving.
6. The Lord gave us a model for how to _____. In prayer, we're to worship the Father; we're to pursue His will; we're to trust God for daily provisions; we're to receive and extend forgiveness; and we're to seek the Lord's protection.
7. Jesus showed His followers that nothing is _____ with Him. Jesus healed people; He raised the dead; He calmed storms; He fed people; He walked on water; and He overcame death and the grave.
8. Jesus used _____ that changed hearts and minds. Jesus taught sitting down; He used visuals and parables; and He desired transformation, not just information.
9. Jesus challenged His people to _____. The harvest was plentiful; the workers were few; and the church needed to pray for God to send out laborers.
10. Jesus gave clear directions about how His _____ should function. A New Testament church understands and practices the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Matthew 22:37-39 – "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Matthew 28:18-20 – "*And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."

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What do we know about Matthew?

- A despised **tax collector**
- A **disciple** of Jesus
- A witness to **sinners**
- A writer led by the **Holy Spirit**

Matthew 9:9 reads, "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he rose and followed him." Matthew possessed a clear idea of how much it would **cost** him to **follow** Jesus. He didn't hesitate for a moment to obey the Lord. Is Jesus calling you and me to follow Him? If so, what has been our response?

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Matthew gives readers a comprehensive look at Jesus's **life** and **ministry**.

- Jesus began His **ministry**
- Jesus delivered the **Sermon on the Mount**
- Jesus performed many **miracles**
- Jesus taught about the **kingdom**
- Jesus encountered different **reactions** to His ministry
- Jesus faced conflict with certain **religious leaders**
- Jesus taught on the **Mount of Olives**

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