

Matthew Recap 2 – August 13, 2023

Tonight, I thought I would share with you some of my favorite passages of Scripture we previously looked at from the first 14 chapters of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel is rich with writing which sets Jesus as the much-anticipated Messiah, King of the Jews. Matthew began his book with a genealogy of Jesus that provided documented proof that Jesus was in fact Israel's King. The remaining 27 chapters work to complete this main theme and help us better understand how it is that Jesus came for both Jew and Gentile.

One of Matthew's historical records includes the baptism of Jesus. **Read Matthew 3:13-17.**

We are not going to look at this tonight, but Matthew writes about Jesus' time in the wilderness as an example for us. He set out to show us how Jesus handled temptation and to teach us about the authority that Jesus has over Satan.

Last week I read for you the beginning portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. If you have never done a deep study into this great teaching, I encourage you to consider it. Spend a month or so studying the things which Jesus shares with us across chapters 5,6, and 7. Let me share another of my favorites from this sermon. **Read Matthew 6:16-24.**

By the time we get to chapter 8, Matthew shifts from the Sermon on the Mount to recording some of the great miracles carried out by Jesus at the beginning of His ministry. Matthew informed us about these miracles as a way of authenticating the power and authority of Jesus Christ as King. He set out to prove the deity of Christ, by giving us examples of events that could have only occurred because of the supernatural power of God. Let me ask you. Of the miracles we looked at in Matthew's first narrative, which ones are your favorites? Take a moment to scan chapters 8 and 9 if you need to. While you look, let me share one of my favorites. **Read Matthew 8:23-27.**

After this, we get more historical accounts of Jesus teaching the disciples and commissioning them for the work of ministry. Discourse two and narrative two provide some encouraging words about what it's like to work for the sake of the Kingdom.

Read 10:1-4 and then 10:24-33.

Read 12:38-42

We left off our previous study of Matthew by looking at some of the parables he thought were most important for recording. Like the recorded miracles from earlier, which of the parables found in chapter 13 are your favorites? I'm not going to read it tonight, but I have always loved the parable of the Sower, or the soils as it is often referred. I do want to read **13:10-17** because Jesus explains His reasoning behind teaching in parables.