

## **Matthew Recap – August 6, 2023**

This may seem crazy, but if you remember, we starting looking at Matthew’s Gospel all the way back on April 11, 2021. I thought it was time we went back and finished what we had started. Therefore, our time together on Sunday evenings is going to be spent together looking at the last half of this great book. If you recall, we worked our way through chapter 14 before pausing our study. So, tonight, and next week, the plan is to provide you with a recap of what was previously covered. We are not going to go back and re-teach these chapters, but I do want to hit some of the highlights for you. Also, like how we covered the material last time, Brian Hupp and I will rotate our time as we continue along.

### **About Matthew**

Matthew was a Jewish Christian who wrote his Gospel specifically to the Jewish audience. His book contains material which focuses on the teaching ministry of Jesus. Matthew, whose before Christ name was Levi, was a tax collector by trade. We know this because he calls himself this in Matthew 10:3.

### **About Matthew’s Book**

1. Beginning with Matthew 5, he arranged his book into five discourses followed by narrative which offer his material based on themes and broad ideas as opposed ot presenting everything in a chronological timeline. However, this doesn’t mean Matthew wrote without order. Instead, his work is recognized as being very organized and includes a great day of the OT.

1. The Sermon on the Mount (5:1 - 7:29)
  - a. The miracles which followed (8:19:38)
2. The calling and commissioning of the Twelve (10:1-42)
  - b. Jesus’ Mission Explained (11:1-12:50)
3. The Kingdom Parables (13:1-52)
  - c. The conflict increases (13:53-17:27) We are picking up in this middle portion of this narrative.
4. The childlike nature of the new believer (18:1-35)
  - d. Jesus and the disciples’ ministry in Jerusalem (19:1-23:39)
5. The Olivet Discourse (24:1-25:46)
  - e. Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection (26:1-28:15)

2. Matthew arranges his book into groups of three and seven. This helps his readers to remember it. For example, there are three groups of three \*miracles (Matthew 8:1-15; 8:23–9:8; 9:18-34). There are seven stories about where God rules in chapter 13. There are three stories about the time when Jesus returns to the earth in chapter 25.

3. Matthew teaches that what God told his people in the \*Old Testament came true in the life of Jesus. Therefore, Jesus was the \*Messiah that they were waiting for. Matthew refers to words from the \*Old Testament over 60 times. He often uses words from the book of Isaiah. He introduces important \*Old Testament words in a special way 12 times. He says, 'This shows that the \*prophets' words came true'. (See, for example, Matthew 1:22-23; 4:14-16.)

4. He emphasizes that Jesus is the King.

1. Jesus comes from David's family (1:1).

2. He was born in David's city, which was called Bethlehem (2:5-6).

3. The blind men and the woman from Canaan called him 'Son of David' (9:27; 15:22).

4. Jesus is the king in the story about the sheep and the goats (25:24-46).

5. He has 'all authority in heaven and on earth' (28:18).

5. Matthew shows that Jesus is the \*Messiah. He was the special person that the \*Jews had been waiting for. But Matthew does not leave out the rest of the world. There were also other people who recognized that Jesus came from God (2:11). Matthew records that Jesus healed the \*Roman officer's servant (8:5-13). Jesus said: 'Many people will come from the east and from the west.' They will join those people where God rules (8:11). People will tell the good news about Jesus to the whole world (24:14). Jesus' final command was to 'make \*disciples in all the nations' (28:19).

6. Four men wrote the Good News about Jesus. But Matthew is the only one who uses the word '\*church'. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said that nothing would be able to destroy his \*church (16:18). The local \*church would settle arguments between Christians (18:15-17).

7. Matthew shows that he was interested in the end of the world. He writes a lot of what Jesus said about the end. Jesus will return to earth, and he will be the Judge (chapters 24 and 25).