

## Bible Study – Outline

### Matthew

Matthew (also known as Levi) was a Jewish tax collector and one of the 12 disciples. His name means “Gift of God”. He lived and taught in Palestine for fifteen years after the crucifixion of Christ and then became a missionary in Ethiopia, Macedonia, Syria, and Persia.

Date Written: Sometime between 60 and 67 AD

Places and Audience: Primarily the People of Israel. Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Capernaum, Galilee, Judea, and Nazareth

#### Major Theme(s)

- Christ The King and The Messiah
- The Kingdom of God
- How to Live in the Kingdom
- Resurrection – victory over death

#### Key People

Jesus Christ

Matthew (Levi)

Mary and Joseph

John the Baptist

The Disciples (Matt. 10:1-4)

Peter, James (the son of Zebedee), John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

The religious leaders at the time

Caiaphas

Pontius Pilate

Mary Magdalene

## MATTHEW

<b>THE COMING OF THE KING</b>	<b>1:1 - 4:16</b>
The Royal Genealogy	1:1-17
The Birth of King Jesus	1:18-25
The Visit of the Wise Men	2:1-12
Escape into Egypt and Slaughter of the Innocents	2:13-23
John the Baptist Announces and Baptizes Jesus Christ - the King	3
The Temptation of Jesus Christ in the Wilderness	4:1-16
<b>JESUS CHRIST'S MINISTRY AND THE PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM (section 2)</b>	<b>4:17-16:20</b>
Jesus Calls His Disciples and Ministers in Galilee	4:17-25
The Sermon on The Mount	5-7
The Beatitudes	5:1-12
The Similitudes	5:13-16
The Teachings About the law, murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, forgiveness, love, charity, prayer, fasting, money, and judging others.	5:17-7:6
Instruction about life in the Kingdom	7:7-29
Miracles Of The Kings Power Healing of the Leper, The Centurion's servant, Peter's Mother in Law, the Calming of the Sea, Authority over demons, The Forgiveness of the Paralytic's Sins.	<b>8:1-9:34</b>
The Delegation Of The King's Power To The Disciples	<b>9:35 - 11:1</b>
John The Baptist; Jesus Is Rejected	<b>11:2-12:50</b>
Jesus' Parables Regarding The Consequences Of Rejecting Him	<b>13:1-53</b>
Israel Continues To Reject The King	<b>13:54-16:20</b>
<b>THE KING TURNS TOWARD THE CROSS (section 3)</b>	<b>16:21-28:20</b>
Jesus Tells Of His Coming Death, The Coming Church And His Second Coming	16:21-28
Jesus' Transfiguration	17:1-13
Jesus Instructs His Disciples On Faith, Humility, Dealing With Offense, Taxes, Divorce	17:14-20:28
The King Is Recognized By The Blind	20:29-34
The Triumphal Entry And The Cleansing Of The Temple	21:1-7
The Cursing Of The Fig Tree	21:18-22
Conflict With The Religious Leaders	21:23-23:39

Predictions Of The Second Coming Of Jesus Christ	24-25
The Lord's Supper And Betrayal	26:1-35
Jesus Arrested And Tried By Caiaphas And Pilate	26:36-27:25
The Crucifixion	27:26-66
The Empty Tomb	28:1-8
Jesus Appears To The Women And His Disciples	28:9-17
The Great Commission	28:19-20

SECTION 2 Starts with "from that time on..."

Subsections delineated by the phrase "when Jesus finished...."

7:8

11:1

13:53-54

19:1-2

SECTION 3 Starts with "from that time on..."

### The Temptation of Christ " Body, Soul, and Spirit"

BODY	4:3-4	4:17-16:20
SOUL	4:5-7	16:21-25
SPIRIT	4:8-11	26-28

### The Significance of Bread (John 6:35)

Matt 13:54-16:20

Feeding the 5000	14:15-21
What defiles a person	15:10
Crumbs	15:26-28
Feeding 4000	15:32-37
Leaven	16:5-12

### Key Scriptures

Matt. 3:17	"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."
Matt. 4:4	"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."
Matt. 4:17	From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matt. 5:1-12	"Blessed are..." The Beatitudes
Matt. 5:17	"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:"
Matt. 5:24	First be reconciled to your brother
Matt. 6:7 - 13	How to pray
Matt. 6:21	For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Matt. 6:24	You cannot serve God and mammon.
Matt. 6:33	Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
Matt. 10:19-20	Take no thought on what you shall speak
Matt. 10:29-31	Our value to God

Matt. 12:39-40	The sign that Jesus would be three days and nights in the grave.
<b>Matt. 13:24, 31, 33, 44, 45, 47, 52</b>	<b>“The kingdom of heaven is like....”</b>
Matt. 15:9	“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”
Matt. 16:18	* “I will build my church”
Matt. 16:28-17:11	* The transfiguration
Matt. 18:15-20	How to solve problems amongst brethren
Matt. 19:17	* “...If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”
Matt. 19:26	“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”
Matt. 21:22	“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”
Matt. 22:2	The kingdom of heaven is like....
Matt. 22:14	Many are invited, but few are chosen.
Matt. 22:37-39	“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And, the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself”.
Matt. 24:3	“...and what shall be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”
Matt. 24:14	* “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come.”
Matt. 24:42	* “Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”
Matt. 25:42	“for I was hungered.....”
Matt. 26:26-29	* <b>The Last Supper and the Passover symbols are changed.</b>
Matt. 28:6	He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.
Matt. 28:19-20	“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. “

\* see note in Life Application Bible for this verse

## Discussion Questions

1. Matthew 5 – 7 “The Sermon on the Mount” How was it received at the time and how would you describe how it is being received today?
2. Not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will enter into the Kingdom. Why not?  
Matt. 7:15-23
3. Where were the disciples told to go to preach the Kingdom of God?
4. Why did Jesus speak in parables? Matt. 13:19

5. The Book of Matthew is about Christ as King and His Kingdom. It also includes how we are to live in the Kingdom. Which are some of these teachings most important to you?
6. How are we to portray to others that the Kingdom is in us?
7. What attitude are we to have to be able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven?  
Matt 18:3
8. Does having the Kingdom in you bring you joy and peace?
9. What were the disciples instructed to do by Jesus after His resurrection?  
Does it apply to us today?

### **Resources Used**

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman

Matthew a 12 Week Study by J.I Packer and Dane C. Ortlund

Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House

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Matthew 11:21 NIV

**21** “**Woe** to you, Chorazin! **Woe** to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matthew 18:7 NIV

**7** **Woe** to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but **woe** to the person through whom they come!

Matthew 23:13 NIV

**13** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

**15** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

**16** “**Woe** to you, blind guides! You say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.’

Matthew 23:23 NIV

**23** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

**25** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

**27** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

**29** “**Woe** to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.

Matthew 26:24 NIV

**24** The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But **woe** to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.