

MATTHEW

Matthew, written in mid-80s AD (CE). The author was perhaps a disciple (student) of the disciple Matthew. Or maybe a discovery of a more ancient work originally written in Hebrew or Aramaic. Certainly, a Jew writing to Jews.

John the Baptist (Elijah/ 3:1-11)

JESUS, the new Moses ... (A Jewish Baby escaping to safety in Egypt – then returning to ministry from Egypt/ CHPT 2 ... Chosen from the water/ 3:13-17)

Sermon on the Mount (a reference to Mt. Sinai – not a “mount” in Luke ... CHPTS 5-7)

Temptation Story fleshed out more than Mark (re-telling of the Exodus/ 4:1-11)

“Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish, but to fulfill.” Only appears in Matthew/ 5:17-20

The Transfiguration/ 17:1-13 ... Jesus brings together the Law [Moses] and the Prophets [Elijah]

Jesus and Joseph

The Birth Story (connecting Jesus to Abraham and David/ 1:1-17)

The Angel Visitation to Joseph (as opposed to Mary in Luke/ 18:25)

The Sermon on the Mount (CHPTS 5-7)

The Beatitudes (the executive summary/ 5:3-11, with the latter verse connecting Him and His mission to the OT prophets)

Reinterpretation of The Law of Moses (5:17-6:18; 7:1-5, 13-20)
(see also 19:1-12; 22:34-40)

True Followers (7:21-23 [continued in CHPT 25], 7:24-29)

Keeping The Law is will more than just word/ 15:1-20 ... refers back to Sermon on the Mount; 23:13-39)

Miracle Stories and Calling Disciples (CHPTS 8-11)

Parables of The Kingdom (CHPT 13)

The Passion

Triumphal Entry and Cleansing of the Temple (21:1-13)

The Plot (Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate – showing the collusion between Jewish hierarchy and Rome, not Jewish hierarchy against Jesus ... arrest and trials during the night, Crucifixion in the morning, all before a grass roots opposition could be mobilized/ 26:47-27:37)

Another Elijah reference on the Cross (27:45-49)

New Beginnings

The Resurrection (28:1-10) and *The Great Commission* (28:16-20)