



The HOLY BIBLE Book of: **Matthew**

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**New Testament
Summary**

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The book of Matthew is a Gospel book containing Narrative History, Genealogy, Parables, Sermons, and some Prophetic Oracles.

The personalities of this book include the Messiah Jesus Christ, His parents Mary and Joseph, the Twelve Disciples, the prophet John the Baptist, and other kinds of leaders. These leaders include those in government like Pilate and religious leaders such as the Pharisees (who attempt to hinder the work of Jesus).

It is the leading synoptic gospel, written by Matthew (Levi), the Disciple of Christ around 48-50 A.D. The Book of Matthew reveals the Lord Jesus as the Messiah, the King of the Jews, from the line of David. With the key word “**Kingdom**” used 28 times, it also was written to convince the Jews that Jesus Christ was indeed their long-awaited Messiah.

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The Book of Matthew has likely earned the premier position in the New Testament due to it being the Gospel which pulls most from the Hebrew scriptures and provides a needful bridge between the Old Testament as the prophetic portion and the New Testament as the fulfillment portion through Jesus Christ.

Matthew is reportedly the Gospel most used in the early church because of its’ catechistic organization. Its’ five most important discourses, including the Sermon on the Mount, made the edifying of new converts, relatively simple.

Likewise, both the birth and resurrection accounts contained in the book enable the reader to grasp a closer biographical view of His earthly life.

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Following Jesus' earthly life in the Book of Matthew we should note those places His natural and supernatural presence was felt. His earthly story began in the town of Bethlehem in the Roman jurisdiction of Judea. Under threat by Herod to have the infant Jesus killed, his surrogate father Joseph is guided to take the family to Egypt for a time.

When guided to return, they are led to settle in Nazareth in Galilee. Around 30 years old, Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist, and then tempted by Satan in the wilderness of Judea. In Capernaum, Jesus establishes a home base for ministry and from there moves throughout Israel, teaching, connecting and healing.

He would travel to Gadarenes country, healing the demon-possessed, feeding over 5,000 with five loaves and two fish by the sea of Galilee near Bethsaida-Julias, heal the sick in Gennesaret, minister to the Gentiles in Tyre and Sidon, visit Caesarea-Philippi where Peter declares him the Messiah, and teach in Perea near the Jordan river.

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On his last visit to Jerusalem, he tells them what will happen to him, spends time in Jericho, and stays briefly in Bethany while going to and from Jerusalem during that last week of his life. Ultimately, he would give his life in Jerusalem, being crucified and dying, but rising again. Specifically:

Chapters 1-4 in Matthew deal mainly with the miracle birth of Jesus and the events surrounding His early life. This primarily involves the commonly told Christmas story but also includes the genealogy of Jesus, which goes all the way back to Abraham. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (1:21).

Chapters 5-25 consist of the ministry of Jesus from the interdiction of John the Baptist up to the point of His death at Calvary. These chapters are vital to our knowledge of Jesus Christ and are much of what we know about God living as a perfect man on Earth. These passages include Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, numerous miracles, and priceless teachings to all who would listen and follow.

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Chapters 26-28, contain the death and resurrection of Jesus. These chapters present the truth of the "Good News" and about how Jesus took the sins of the world upon Himself. This is the central theme of salvation through faith alone in the complete and finished work of Christ Jesus on the cross. Salvation is possible only through His death, His burial, and His resurrection from the dead, all for the sake of sinners.

Numerous and amazing Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled frequently in these final chapters. Key among these are His betrayal for thirty pieces of silver by Judas, His crucifixion with two robbers, and those wagging their heads at Jesus while He was yet on the cross.

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