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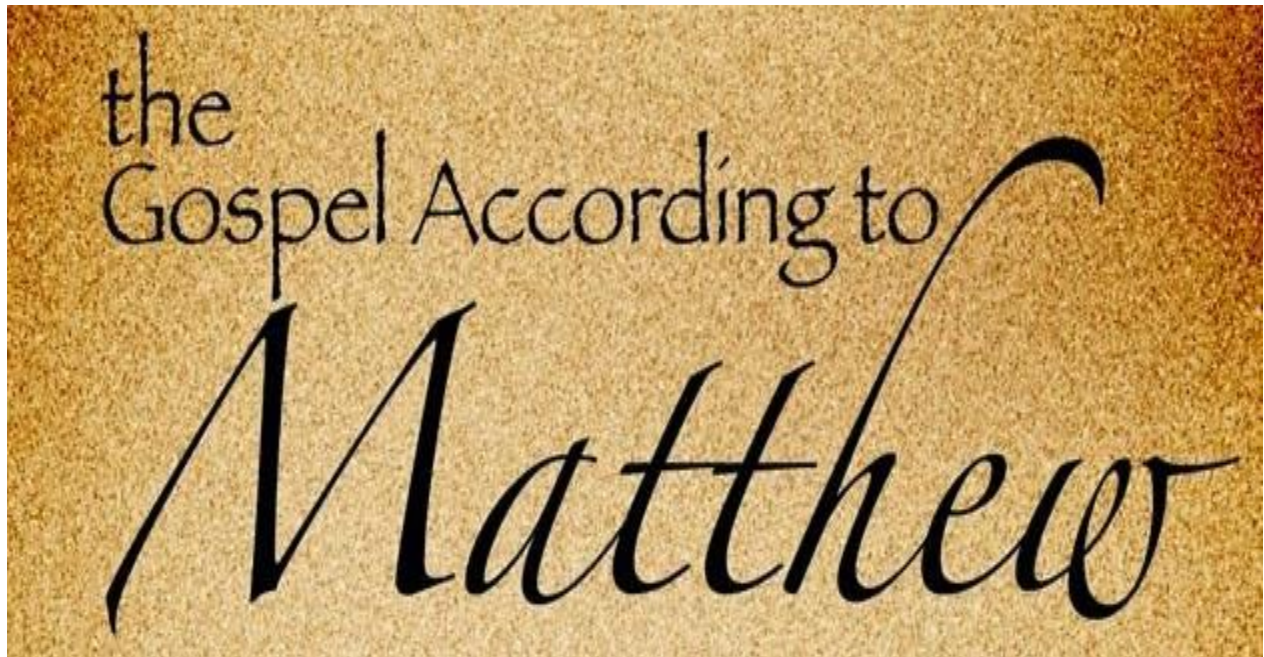
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## Wednesday in the Word Bible Study

**“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...**”



**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
**11:00 am**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION/FACTS ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

- A. **Name of the Book:** Matthew, which means “Gift of the Lord.” This is “The Gospel (“Good News About Jesus”) according to Matthew
- B. **Position of the Book in the Bible:** Book 40, 1<sup>st</sup> Book in the New Testament, 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4 Gospels
- C. Longest of the 4 gospels when counting chapters. 28 chapters, 1,071 verses, 18,345 words (AGNT)
- D. **Author/Editor:** Anonymous, but ascribed to Matthew, (aka Levi in Mark & Luke)
1. A Jew.
  2. The son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14)
  3. One of Jesus’ 12 disciples/apostles.
  4. A tax collector, a despised occupation (seen by other Jews as a betrayal to work for the Roman government).
  5. Date Written: 58 – 68 A.D.
- E. **Purpose of the Book: “Written by a Jew to Jews About a Jew”**
1. To provide a natural bridge between the Old and New Testaments
  2. To prove that Jesus is the Messiah (“**the Anointed One**”), the eternal King. Matthew was written to convince Jews that Jesus is the promised Messiah referred to in the Hebrew Scriptures.
  3. To show his Jewish readers that Jesus Christ is the culmination of promises delivered over a thousand year period.
  4. To show that God’s redemptive plan is well even after 400 years of prophetic silence (The Intertestamental Period, Malachi – Matthew)
- F. **Key People:** Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, the disciples, the religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, Mary Magdelene
- G. **Key Verses:**

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. – Matthew 5:17

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

– Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he

asked. “Who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter,<sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades<sup>[c]</sup> will not overcome it. – Matthew 16:13-18 (16-18)

#### H. Other Interesting Facts:

1. Considered to be one of the Four Evangelists, along with Mark, Luke and John.
2. Contains more than 130 Old Testament quotations/allusions, (used to establish that Jesus is the Messiah)
3. Matthew’s Gospel talks about money in more detail and with greater frequency than the other Gospels.
4. The phrase, “**Son of David**” occurs 9 times in Matthew, but only 6 times collectively in Mark, Luke and John
5. The phrase “**kingdom of heaven**” appears 55 times in Matthew. The other gospels use “**kingdom of God.**”
6. The last appearance of his name in the Bible is in Acts 1:13. He is only mentioned 6 other times in the Bible.
7. One of 2 birth stories of Jesus appears in Matthew (Luke)
  - a. The only Gospel that mentions “**the Magi.**”
8. One of 2 genealogies of Jesus’ appears in Matthew (Luke)
  - a. 5 women included
  - b. Lineage of Jesus through David
9. First of 3 Synoptic (“**seen together**”) Gospels
10. An eyewitness to Jesus’ ministry. He probably saw more of the ministry than anyone else except Peter, James and John.

## II. GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

The Gospel is basically organized around 5 five discourses (“a new Torah for Jews?”) with a prologue and an epilogue.

- Prologue – Chapters 1 & 2
- Discourse #1 – Chapters 5-7
- Discourse #2 – Chapter 10
- Discourse #3 – Chapter 13
- Discourse #4 – Chapter 18
- Discourse #5 – Chapters 24-25
- Epilogue – 28:16-20

#### A. The Birth & Early Years of Jesus (Prologue, Chapters 1 & 2)

1. Genealogy – 1:1-17
2. Birth – 1:18 – 2:12

3. Sojourn in **Egypt** – 2:13-23
- B. The Beginnings of Jesus' Ministry
  1. His Forerunner, John the Baptist – 3:1-12
  2. Jesus' Baptism by John – 3:13-17
  3. His Temptation – 4:1-11
- C. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (4:12 – 14:12)
  1. Jesus begins preaching in Galilee – 4:12-25
  2. The Sermon on the Mount (Discourse #1) – Chapters 5-7
    - a. The Beatitudes – 5:1-12
  3. Several Miracles – Chapters 8-9
  4. The Commissioning of the 12 Disciples/Apostles (Discourse #2) - Chapter 10
  5. Ministry Throughout Galilee – Chapters 11 & 12
  6. Parables of the Kingdom (Discourse #3) – Chapter 13
  7. Herod's Reaction to Jesus' Ministry – 14:1-12
    - a. Kills John the Baptist
- D. Jesus Withdraws from Galilee – (14:13 – 17:20)
  1. To the Eastern Shore of the Sea of Galilee – 14:13 – 15:20
    - a. Feeding of the 5,000 – 14:13-21
    - b. Jesus Walks on Water – 14:22-33
  2. To Phoenicia – 15:21-28
    - a. Exorcises a Demon from a Girl
  3. To the Decapolis (Ten Cities) – 15:29 – 16:12
    - a. Feeds 4,000 – 15:32-39
  4. To Caesarea Philippi – 16:13 – 17:20
    - a. Peter Says Jesus is the Messiah – 16:13-20
    - b. Jesus' First Prediction of his Death – 16:21-28
    - c. The Transfiguration – 17:1-13
    - d. Healing of the Demon-Possessed Boy – 17:14-21
- E. Jesus' Last Ministry in Galilee – (17:22 – 18:35)
  1. Jesus' Second Prediction of his Death – 17:22-23
  2. The Temple Tax/Coin in the Fish's Mouth – 17:24-27
  3. Life in the Kingdom (Discourse #4) – Chapter 18
- F. Jesus' Ministry in Judea and Perea (Chapters 19 & 20)
  1. Teaching on marriage & Divorce – 19:1-12
  2. Teaching on Little Children – 19:13-15
  3. The Rich Young Man – 19:16-30
  4. Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard – 20:1-16
  5. Jesus' Third Prediction of his Death – 20:17-19
  6. A Mother's Request – 20:20-28
  7. Restoring Sight at Jericho – 20:29-34
- G. Passion (Holy) Week – Chapters 21-27
  1. Entry into Jerusalem as King (Palm Sunday) – 21:1-11

2. Cleansing of the Temple – 21:12-17
  3. Final Controversies with the Jewish Leaders – 21:18 – 23:39
  4. The Olivet Discourse (Discourse #5) – Chapters 24 & 25
  5. The Anointing of Jesus' Feet – 26:1-13
  6. The Arrest, Trials & Death of Jesus – 26:14 – 27:66
- H. The Resurrection (Chapter 28)
1. The Earthquake & the Angel's Announcement – 28:1-7
  2. Jesus' Encounter with the Women – 28:8-10
  3. The Guards' Report & the Jewish Elders' Bribe – 28:11-15
  4. The Great Commission – (28:16-20, The Epilogue)

### III. NARRATIVES UNIQUE TO MATTHEW

- Christ's genealogy from Abraham to Joseph through the male line; the succession to the throne, from Abraham through king David to Joseph, 42 generations, with omissions.
- Matthew 1: Joseph's dreams
- Matthew 2: Christ worshipped by the wise men, Herod's massacre of the children at Bethlehem, Herod's death, and Christ's return to Nazareth.
- Matthew 5-7: the Sermon on the Mount in full.
- Matthew 9: healing of two blind men.
- Matthew 11: call to the heavy laden.
- Matthew 13: parables of the hidden treasure, the pearl, and the drag-net.
- Matthew 16: Peter's confession of Christ, and Christ's confirmation of Peter's name
- Matthew 17: Christ's paying the tribute with money from a fish.
- Matthew 20: cures two blind men while going from Jericho.
- Matthew 22: parable of the wedding garment.
- Matthew 25: parables of the ten virgins, talents, and sheep and goats at the judgment.
- Matthew 27: dream of Pilate's wife, appearance of many saints after the crucifixion.
- Matthew 28: soldiers bribed to say that Christ's disciples had stolen His body.

## For Next Week: The Book of Exodus

### IV. WOULD YOU BENEFIT FROM A LARGER PRINT SUNDAY BULLETIN?

- If so, give your name to Sis. Tonjie before you leave today. I am willing to print a limited number of larger print Sunday bulletins.

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