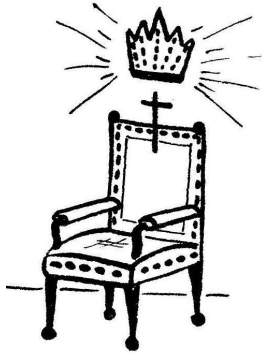


NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

THE GOSPELS

MATTHEW

LESSON 11

MATTHEW SHOWS JESUS CHRIST AS THE MESSIAH KING		
Descendant of king, Matthew 1.		"Kingdom" is used 56 times in Matthew. "Kingdom of heaven" is used 33 times in Matthew.
Visit of the wise men, Matthew 2:1.	Presents for a King, Matthew 2:11.	Herod afraid of a new king, Matthew 2:3.
The coming kingdom, Matthew 4:17.	The King comes to Jerusalem, Matthew 21:5.	The King will judge, Matthew 25:34,40,41.
Pilate calls Christ King of the Jews, Matthew 27:11,37.	Teachings of the kingdom, Matthew 5 - 7.	The King's last command, Matthew 28:18-20.

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MATTHEW

I. WHO WROTE THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

It is believed that Matthew wrote the Gospel of Matthew. He is also called Levi. He was a tax collector. Jesus called Matthew to be His disciple, Matthew 9:9-13; 10:2,3.

Matthew means gift of God.

The New Testament tells very little about Matthew. His name is given with the names of the disciples, Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13.

II. WHEN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW WAS WRITTEN

It is hard to know when Matthew wrote the Gospel. Some believe it was written around A.D. 60-70. It is believed Mark was written before Matthew. Luke and John were written later.

III. TO WHOM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW WAS WRITTEN

The Gospel of Matthew was written to the Jews. Matthew tells the Jews that Jesus Christ is their Messiah King.



Matthew was placed first in the New Testament because it ties the Old and New Testaments together. Matthew used words from the Old Testament more than 50 times. Thirteen times he said, that this or that happened

“ . . . that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet. . . ”

See Matthew 2:5,15,17,23; Matthew 3:3. These words show that Matthew wrote to the Jews. Matthew wanted the Jews to see Jesus Christ as their Messiah King.

IV. THE MAIN THOUGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The main thought of the Gospel of Matthew is, *The King has come.*



The key verse for the Gospel Matthew is Matthew 1:1.

The main teaching is the kingdom of heaven.

V. OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew has three parts:

Part one: Matthew 1:1 - 4:16 - the king is prepared.

Part two: Matthew 4:17 - 16:20 - *“From that time Jesus began to preach.”*

Part three: Matthew 16:21 - 28:20 - *“From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples.”*

- A. The King prepared, Matthew 1:1 - 4:16.
 - 1. The King came, Matthew 1:1 - 2:23.
 - 2. The King prepared, Matthew 3:1 - 4:16.
- B. The kingdom made known, Matthew 4:17 - 16:20.
 - 1. Teachings of the kingdom made known (sermon on the mount)

- Matthew 4:17 - 7:29.
 - 2. Power of the King made known, Matthew 8:1 - 10:42.
 - 3. Words of the King made known, Matthew 11:1 - 13:58.
 - 4. Works of the King made known, Matthew 14:1 - 16:20.
- C. The coming death of the King made known, Matthew 16:21 - 17:23.
- 1. First prophecy of the death of the King, Matthew 16:21-28.
 - 2. Talk of the coming death of the King, (transfiguration) Matthew 17:1-21.
 - 3. Second prophecy of the death of the King, Matthew 17:22-23.
- D. More teachings of the kingdom made known, Matthew 17:24 - 20:34.
- 1. Those in the kingdom should not make others fall, Matthew 17:23-27.
 - 2. The greatest in the kingdom will serve the others, Matthew 18:1 - 20:34.
- E. The King suffered, Matthew 21:1 - 27:66.
- 1. The King comes to Jerusalem, Matthew 21:1-11.
 - 2. Jesus' work in and near Jerusalem, Matthew 21:12 - 23:39.
 - 3. Sermon on the Mount of Olives, Matthew 24:1 - 25:46.
 - 4. Preparation for the Passover, Matthew 26:1-35.
 - 5. Prayer in Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56.
 - 6. The trial of the King, Matthew 26:57 - 27:32.
 - 7. Crucifixion and burial of the King, Matthew 27:33-66.
- F. The King arose from the dead, Matthew 28.
- 1. The King seen by the women, Matthew 28:1-10.
 - 2. The priests tried to cover up the resurrection, Matthew 28:11-15.
 - 3. Last command of the King, Matthew 28:16-20.

VI. LESSONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A. Jesus Christ the Messiah King.

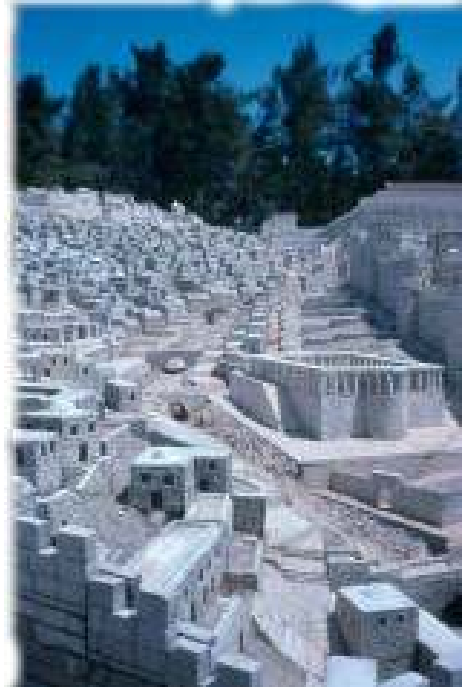
Matthew tells the Jews, Jesus Christ is their Messiah King. Jesus Christ is the son of David. David was the greatest king the Jews ever had. God promised the Jews they would always have a king from the family of David, 2 Samuel 7:8-13.

The Jews disobeyed God. God let other nations take the Jews to their country. Later the Jews returned to their own country. However, other nations still ruled the Jews. Yet, the Jews looked for a king to come from the family of David. This king would set them free and have his own kingdom.

God promised Abraham that through him all the people of the world would be blessed, Genesis 12:3.

Matthew tells how God kept these promises. Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:2-16. He shows Jesus came from David. He shows Jesus came from Abraham. Jesus was a Jew. Jesus was to be a king.

Matthew gives two names for Jesus in the first chapter. These names are Jesus and Emmanuel. Jesus means "Savior." Emmanuel means "God with us."



City - Israel

B. The kingdom of heaven.

Matthew is the only Gospel which speaks of the kingdom of heaven.

The kingdom is a mystery, Matthew 13:11. It is like a secret. It can be understood only as God shows it to a person.

The kingdom of heaven has a special meaning in the Gospel of Matthew. The Jews were looking for their Messiah. He was to be their king. He was to be born in Bethlehem like David. The Jews believed this king would set them free from the Roman rule. The Jews looked only for a kingdom on earth. This king was to rule like King David ruled. They did not look for a kingdom from heaven.

Jesus wanted the Jews to know that His kingdom was more than the ordinary kingdom. His kingdom was to come from heaven. A person had to be more than a Jew to belong to this kingdom. A person had to be right with God, Matthew 5:3,10.

Jesus showed what the kingdom of heaven is like in many parables. He said,

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed wheat-then the tares showed up.” Those who did not really accept Jesus as their King were like the tares, and would be destroyed, Matthew 13:24-30.

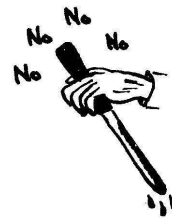


C. Teachings of the kingdom of heaven.

The sermon on the mount has many teachings of the kingdom. These are the teachings the Messiah King gave to His people. These teachings also help Christians to live pleasing to God.

Some of these teachings are:

1. How to be happy, Matthew 5:1-16.
2. Rules for clean living:
 - a. Do not be angry and do not kill, Matthew 5:21-26,
 - b. Do not take another man's wife or another woman's husband, Matthew 5:27-32.
 - c. Be honest, Matthew 5:33-37.
 - d. Do not take revenge, Matthew 5:38-42.
 - e. Love those who are enemies, Matthew 5:43-47.
3. It is important for a person to do what he preaches, Matthew 6:1-18.
4. A person should think about the things of God. A person is to obey God first, Matthew 6:19-34.
5. A person should not criticize others when he does wrong things himself. This person should clean up his own life, Matthew 7:1-6.
6. God wants people to ask for things they must have, Matthew 7:7-11.
7. A person should do to others as he wants others to do to him, Matthew 7:12.



8. The way to heaven is narrow and the road to destruction is wide, Matthew 7:13,14.
9. What a person does shows who he is, Matthew 7:15-27.

D. The King will judge.

Matthew tells about the time Jesus will judge the people of the world. He will separate those who love Him from those who do not love Him. Those who love Christ are like sheep and those who do not love Christ are like goats, Matthew 25:31-46.

E. The great command of the King.

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave a great command. It is also called “the great commission.” A commission is to be sent with a message by a king or a ruler.

Jesus sends all Christians to give the message of salvation to everyone in the world. They are also to teach and to baptize those who believe. This command says,

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:18-20.



F. Things found in the Gospel of Matthew.

1. Matthew tells about the visit of the wise men to Jesus, Matthew 2:1-12.
2. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt with the Christ child, Matthew 2:13-15.
3. Herod killed the young children of Bethlehem, Matthew 2:16-18. Herod was afraid of a new king, Matthew 2:3.



4. Matthew is the only Gospel that uses the word "church," Matthew 16:18; 18:17.
5. Matthew tells some of the things that happened when Jesus was crucified:
 - a. Pilate's wife warned Pilate about Jesus. She did not want Pilate to crucify Jesus, Matthew 27:19.
 - b. Pilate called Jesus the King of the Jews, Matthew 27:37. (John 19:14,15).
 - c. Judas did not think the Jews would be able to take Jesus. However, Judas soon saw that Jesus would be crucified. Judas knew he was wrong. He returned the money to the temple. Then he killed himself. Matthew 27:3-5.
 - d. After Jesus arose, many bodies of the true believers (saints) arose. These believers were seen by many people in Jerusalem, Matthew 27:52-53.
 - e. The priests did not want the people to know Jesus was alive. They paid the soldiers to tell a lie. The soldiers were to say that the disciples stole the body of Jesus, Matthew 28:11-15.



VII. WORDS TO LEARN

1. command - to tell someone what to do.
2. commission - to be sent with a message by a king or ruler.
3. criticize - to find fault with someone.
4. crucify - to nail to a cross.
5. crucifixion - nailing a person to a cross.
6. descendants - those children and children's children who come from one father.
7. humble - not to think much about oneself.
8. kingdom - the people ruled by a king.
9. mystery - secret, a truth that cannot be known unless God makes it known.
10. repent - to be sorry for sin and to not want to sin again.
11. resurrection - to live again after death.
12. revenge - to get even for a wrong done.
13. transfiguration - when Jesus was on the mountain, His body was changed so the disciples could see the glory of God. Jesus was changed to look like He looks in heaven.

VIII. ASSIGNMENT

1. Who wrote the Gospel of Matthew?
2. To whom was the Gospel of Matthew written?
3. What is the main thought in the Gospel of Matthew?
4. Matthew wanted to show the Jews that Jesus was their King.
5. Matthew 1:1 says that Jesus Christ is the son of and the son of
6. What did God promise David in 2 Samuel 7:8-13?
7. What did God promise Abraham? Genesis 12:3
8. What are the two names given to the King in Matthew 1:21-23?
and What do these names mean?
9. What is the kingdom of heaven?
10. What is the great command Jesus gave? Matthew 28:18-20
11. What did Judas do when he saw Jesus was going to die? Matthew 27:3-5
12. The priests had the soldiers tell a lie about Jesus' resurrection. What lie did they tell? (Matthew 28:11-15).

13. The kingdom of heaven is a (Matthew 13:11).
14. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 18:4
15. What did Jesus tell Peter about paying taxes? Matthew 17:27
16. What does Jesus say about a person who causes one of His children to stumble? Matthew 18:6
17. Who watches over little children? Matthew 18:10
18. What should a person do if someone sins against him? Matthew 18:15-17
19. How often should a person forgive someone who sins against him? Matthew 18:22
20. Read each of the following parables. Draw a circle around the parables which tell about the kingdom. These are all in the Gospel of Matthew.

5:13	7:24-27	9:14-17	12:33-37	12:43,44
13:3-9,18-23	13:31-32	13:33	13:44	13:45,46
13:47-50	15:10,11,15-20	18:12-14	18:23-35	20:1-6
21:28-32	21:33-41	22:1-4	24:32-35	24:45-51
25:1-13	25:14-30			

21. The sermon on the mount gives some rules about living clean lives. Tell

in your own words about these rules:

- a. Matthew 5:21-26
 - b. Matthew 5:27-28
 - c. Matthew 5:31-32
 - d. Matthew 5:33-37
 - e. Matthew 5:38-42
 - f. Matthew 5:43-47
22. How should a person give his gifts and offerings? Matthew 6:1-4.
23. What does Jesus say about praying? Matthew 6:6-8
24. What should a person think is most important in life? Matthew 6:24-34
25. How should we treat other people? Matthew 7:12
26. How can we know what a person is like? Matthew 7:15-20
27. Will every person who says he is working for the Lord, go into the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 7:21-23
28. What is the man like who hears the Word of God and does not obey it? Matthew 7:26-27

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