

EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

PREPARE

Matthew 3.1-4.11

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Matthew Overview (2025)

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Matthew alternates the five teaching blocks of Jesus' teaching with four blocks of His deeds:

Chapters 1-4	Introduction: Birth, Baptism, Temptation
Chapters 5-7	<u>Word</u> . The Sermon on the Mount
Chapters 8-9	<u>Deed</u> . Miracles showing Jesus' authority over disease, demons & nature
Chapters 10	<u>Word</u> . The charge to the 12 apostles
Chapters 11-12	<u>Deed</u> . Jesus' divine authority rejected. Jesus began to speak in parables
Chapters 13	<u>Word</u> . The kingdom parables
Chapters 14-17	<u>Deed</u> . Feeding the multitudes; Jesus' identity revealed; He speaks of coming sufferings, to His disciples' dismay. Teaching shifts to life in the church.
Chapters 18	<u>Word</u> . The teaching on greatness & forgiveness
Chapters 19-23	<u>Deed</u> . Jesus left Galilee; He is hailed as King as He enters Jerusalem (ch. 21)
Chapters 24-25	<u>Word</u> . The Olivet discourse
Chapters 26-28	Conclusion: Death & Resurrection

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I. The Beginning of the Kingdom (1-7)

Narrative 1 (1.1-4.25): The King of the Kingdom

Discourse 1 (5-7) : The People of the Kingdom-their DNA

II. The Mandate of the Kingdom (8-10)

Narrative 2 (8.1-9.34): Mandate of the King

Discourse 2 (9.35-11.1): Mission of the King

III. The Demands of the Kingdom (11-13)

Narrative 3 (11-12): The Demands of the King

Discourse 3 (13.1-53): The Nature of the Kingdom



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IV. Hindrances to the Kingdom (14-18)

Narrative 4 (13.54-17.27): Obstacles to the Kingdom

Discourse 4 (17.24-19.2): The community of the Kingdom

V. Perspectives of / Opposition to the Kingdom (19-25)

Narrative 5 (19.3-23.39): Resistance to the Kingdom

Discourse 5 (24.1-25.46): Anticipation of the Kingdom

Sealing of the Kingdom (26-28)



Matthew 1-2

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The King is Coming (Advent 2024)

Who is this King?

1. Jesus, the Messiah from the line of Abraham and David (Mt 1.1-17).
2. Jesus, the son of God through his virgin birth (Mt 1.18-24).
3. Jesus, the new Moses and new Israel who brings salvation (Mt 2.1-23).



Matthew 3.1-12

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⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

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cf. 2 Kings 1.8



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Implication - Repent!

Gal 5.19 The acts of the flesh are obvious:

sexual immorality, impurity and
debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft;
hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish
ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy;
drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn

you, as I did before, that those who live like
this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.



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Forgiveness
guaranteed
because of
CHRIST!



Matthew 3.13-17

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Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



Matthew 4.1-11

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Depending on Accumulations?



Implications - Identity!

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- Jesus' significance was never founded on his ability, acclamation, or accumulation.
- God's pleasure was already evident before he started his ministry.

What about you and me?



Implications - Identity!

John 14.6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 1.12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.



Implications - Identity!

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1. Do we have a deep and abiding sense of our identity in Christ?
2. Through Christ, we are God's precious sons and daughters.
How does this identity impact you, really?
3. How does it feel to revel in the pleasure of God?



Prepare for the King:

- Repentance in Christ
- Identity in Christ.

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1.9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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