

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**1. Introduction to Matthew – Matthew 1:1**

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- I. The Man with Revelation: Matthew
  - A. Tax Collector – Matt. 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27
    - 1. A trained scribe
    - 2. Spoke multiple languages
  - B. Disciple – Mark 3:18; Acts 1:13
  - C. Martyr – Judea, Persia, Ethiopia
- II. The Message Revealed: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews – Matthew 1:1 \_\*
  - A. The First Gospel
    - 1. Written mid 50s AD (Mark and Luke mid 60s, John mid 80s)
    - 2. Longest, Most Jewish, Most Evangelistic
    - 3. Over 40 Old Testament Quotations
    - 4. “All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets” – appears 16 times
    - 5. Only gospel to use the word “church” – Matt. 16:18; 18:17
      - a. Ekklesia – called out, gathered assembly
      - b. A regularly attended public meeting
  - B. David and Abraham
    - 1. David – Israel’s greatest king, demonstrating Jesus’ right to rule – 2 Sam. 7:16
    - 2. Abraham – Israel’s father, through Jesus blessing all the nations – Gen. 12:3
  - C. The King and Kingdom
    - 1. The King
      - a. Matthew reveals to us the King revealed, rejected, and returning. – JM
      - b. Isaiah = Behold Your God; Matthew = Behold Your King – Matt. 2:2
        - 1) Born of a Virgin – Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7
        - 2) In Bethlehem – Mic. 5:2
        - 3) His Throne established by God – Psalm 2:6-8; Hebrews 1
        - 4) The Lord is King; the King is Lord – Zeph. 3:15; Zech. 9:9; 14:17
    - 2. The Kingdom \_\*\*
      - a. A Dominion ruled by a Sovereign with subjects who belong to the realm He governs
      - b. The King Revealed – Matt. 4:17
      - c. How to Enter the Kingdom – Matt. 5:20; 7:21
      - d. The truth of Kingdom living illustrated by parables – Matt. 13:11
      - e. At His death, Jesus gave assurances about future fellowship in the Kingdom – Luke 22:22-30
      - f. Jesus promised He would appear on earth again in glory and bring the blessedness of the Kingdom to those for whom it was prepared – Matt. 25:31
      - g. The Kingdom is a present reality and a future inheritance – Romans 14:17; Col. 1:13; Matt. 25:34
- III. The Messiah’s Rule and Reign: The Gospel of the Kingdom
  - A. Matthew’s Themes
    - 1. Christology – a royal, Messianic understanding of Jesus, the Son of David
    - 2. Son of God – the revealer of God’s will and bearer of divine authority
    - 3. Jesus’ Teaching – the true meaning of the Old Testament and the need for practical righteousness
    - 4. Inauguration of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth – present and yet to come

5. Calling the lost sheep of Israel to repent
    - a. Challenging current religious practices
    - b. Expressing His authority over sin and the Sabbath
    - c. Calling people to the read the law with mercy in mind – we cannot keep it, so He did!
    - d. The Church – built and maintained by Jesus’ continuing presence, the Great Commission – Matt. 28:19-20
- B. Matthew’s Discourses
1. How are citizens of the Kingdom to live? – Chapters 5-7
  2. How are travelling disciples to conduct themselves in their evangelistic journeys? – Chapter 10
  3. What parables did Jesus tell? – Chapter 13
  4. What warning did Jesus give about not hindering entrance into the Kingdom and about forgiveness? – Chapter 18-20
  5. How will human history end? – Chapters 24-25
- C. The King of Kings – 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Rev. 19:15-16
1. Citizenship – Phil. 3:20
  2. Pilgrims and Sojourners – 1 Peter 2:11-12
  3. A New City – Hebrews 11:9-10; Isaiah 33:20
  4. A never-ending rule – 1 Tim. 1:17

\_\* “This verse gives us a clue to the special drift of Matthew’s Gospel. He was moved of the Holy Spirit to write of our Lord Jesus Christ as King.” – CH Spurgeon, *The Gospel of the Kingdom* (Commentary on Matthew)

\_\*\* “There is one eternal, living God who has revealed Himself to men and who has a purpose for the human race which He has chosen to accomplish through His people.” – George E. Ladd, *The Gospel of the Kingdom*

## **CROSS REFERENCES**

### **Matthew 9:9**

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

### **Mark 2:14**

As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

### **Luke 5:27**

After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."

### **Mark 3:18**

Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite;

### **Acts 1:13**

And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

### **Matthew 16:18**

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

### **Matthew 18:17**

And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

### **2 Samuel 7:16**

And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' ' "

### **Genesis 12:3**

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## **Matthew 2:2**

saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

## **Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

## **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## **Micah 5:2**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

## **Psalms 2:6-8**

“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.” 7 “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

## **Zephaniah 3:15**

The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more.

## **Zechariah 9:9**

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

## **Zechariah 14:17**

And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

## **Matthew 4:17**

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

### **Matthew 5:20**

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

### **Matthew 7:21**

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

### **Matthew 13:11**

He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

### **Luke 22:22-30**

And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”  
23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.  
24 Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. 25 And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ 26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. 28 “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

### **Matthew 25:31**

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

### **Romans 14:17**

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

### **Colossians 1:13**

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

### **Matthew 25:34**

When the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

### **Matthew 28:19-20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

### **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

### **Revelation 19:15-16**

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

### **Philippians 3:20**

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

### **1 Peter 2:11-12**

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

### **Hebrews 11:9-10**

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

### **1 Timothy 1:17**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.