

## Matthew #1 – Son of David

### Memory Verse - Hand out Scriptures to read

**Matthew 1:21** (NKJV) *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*”

**Who Was Matthew?** Nowhere does he identify himself as the author.

**Matthew 9:9** (NKJV) *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.*

**Luke 5:27-29** *And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, **Follow me.** And he left all, rose up, and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.*

**About the Book** Written somewhere between AD 41- 55, shortly after Mark. Irenaeus (a second-century bishop) who writes: “Matthew also issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect” (*Against Heresies* 3.1.1). Papias (another second-century bishop) refers to this belief: “Matthew put together the oracles [of the Lord] in the Hebrew language” (quoted by Eusebius, in his *Church History*, 3.39.16). Origen also assumed that Matthew penned his Gospel originally in Hebrew. Matthew used Mark’s gospel as template but expanded on it with a Jewish audience in mind. The book of Matthew divides Jesus’s teaching into five “discourses” (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25), which may reflect the fivefold division of the Jewish Law. When Jesus finished these sayings...

I. The Preparation of the King 1:1-4:16

II. The Presentation of the Kingdom 4:17-16:12

III. Sermons 16:13-25:46

IV. The Sacrifice 26:1-27:66

V. The Resurrection 28:1-20

Matthew as a tax-collector and would have to be very conversant in Greek as well as Hebrew/Aramaic. He makes more frequent reference to money than the other gospel writer. Matthew contains the only two parables on talents.

**Matthew 6:12** (NKJV) *And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

Purpose of Writing: Matthew intends to prove to the Jews that Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah. More than any other Gospel, the Gospel of Matthew quotes the Old Testament to show how Jesus fulfilled the words of the Jewish prophets.

## A Book Of Genesis

**Matthew 1:1** (NKJV) *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: The Biblios of Genesis*

“There is not one truth or doctrine, in the whole oracles of God, which is not taught in this Evangelist. The outlines of the whole spiritual system are here correctly laid down. even Paul himself has added nothing. He has amplified and illustrated the truths contained in this Gospel - under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, neither he, nor any of the other apostles, have brought to light one truth, the prototype of which has not been found in the words and acts of our blessed Lord as related by Matthew.” - Dr. Adam. Clarke

**Genesis 5:1** (NKJV) *This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.*

**\*Genesis 12:3** (NKJV) *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.*”

**Galatians 3:16** (ESV) *Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.*

**John 1:1–3** (NKJV) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

[Unlike John, Matthew focuses very much on Christ’s humanity,](#)

“By coming to dwell with us, Jesus was to reveal God both to men and to angels. He was the Word of God,—God’s thought made audible.”—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 19.

**Hebrews 1:1–2** (NKJV) *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

## A Royal Line

**2 Samuel 7:12** (NKJV) *“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.*

**2 Samuel 7:16** (NKJV) *And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ’*

**\*Psalm 132:11** (NKJV) *The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.*

**Isaiah 16:5** (NKJV) *In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness.*”

**Matthew 21:9** (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> *Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!”*

**Matthew 21:14–16** (NKJV) *Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?”*

**Mark 12:35** (NKJV) *Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, “**How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?***

**Acts 2:29–30** (NKJV) *“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,*

**\*Revelation 22:16** (NKJV) *“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”*

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**Micah 5:2** (NKJV) *“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.”*

**Galatians 3:29** (NKJV) *And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

### Jesus Early Family Tree

**Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba** Was Jesus tempted like we are?

**Hebrews 4:15** (NKJV) *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

### While We Were Yet Sinners

**Romans 3:10–12** (NKJV) *As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”*

**Romans 5:8** (NKJV) *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**John 2:25** (NKJV) *and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.*

**Jeremiah 17:9** (NKJV) *“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

**\*Isaiah 53:6** (NKJV) *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Wicked Abijah, who was the father of good King Asa. Asa was the father of the good King Jehoshaphat, who was the father of wicked King Joram. God was working throughout the generations, both good and evil, to bring about his purposes. Matthew shows that God can use anyone—

### The Birth Of David’s Divine Son

Based on the timing of the priest Zechariah’s temple 7 service, shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem, a tax in the Roman Empire, in the baptism time of Jesus. Christ was most likely born in the fall. The magi (wise men) were respected philosophers from 16 Persia who devoted their lives seeking for truth, wherever it may come from. **Daniel 5:11** *Nebuchadnezzar your father made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.*

### Matthew 2:1–14 What contrast is seen between the attitude of these wise men in contrast to that of King Herod?

(Other notes on the book)

Matthew, supposed to be the same who is also called Levi, son of Alphaeus, was by birth a Jew. As to his office, he appears to have been a tax-gatherer, under the Romans. He was a native of Galilee, as the rest of Christ’s apostles were; but of what city in that country, or of which tribe of the people of Israel, is not known.

As he sat at the custom house, by the seaside, in or near the city of Capernaum, Jesus called him; and as soon as he could make up his accounts with those by whom he had been employed and entrusted, he became a willing, faithful disciple of Christ. After this, St. Mark tells us, he made an entertainment in his own house, where Christ and several of his disciples were present, together with many tax-gatherers, and others, of no very respectable character, in the sight of the Pharisees.

It is probable that Matthew took this occasion of calling together his relatives and acquaintances, that he might take a friendly farewell of them; and give them the opportunity of seeing and hearing that Divine Person, whose words he had already found to be spirit and life to his own soul, and to whose service he had now solemnly dedicated himself.

He was placed by our Lord in the number of his apostles, and continued with him during his life. After the ascension of Christ, he was at Jerusalem, and received the Holy Ghost with the rest of the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Matthew, with Andrew, Peter, and the two sons of Zebedee, are the only disciples whose call is particularly mentioned. It is uncertain when, where, or how he died. There does not appear to be any clear evidence, in the writings of the primitive fathers, that he suffered martyrdom.

St. Matthew's gospel is generally allowed to be the most ancient part of the writings of the New Covenant. Many modern critics contend that it was written about the year of our Lord 61, or between this and 65. Others, that it was written so early as 41, or about the eighth year after the ascension; and this is supported by the subscriptions at the end of this gospel in many MSS.; but it must be observed, that all these MSS. are posterior to the 10th century. Michaelis has adopted a middle way, which carries much of the appearance of probability with it, viz.: that Matthew wrote his gospel in Hebrew about the 8th year after the ascension of our Lord, or a.d. 41; and that the translation of it into Greek was made about a.d. 61, or later.

Whether this gospel were written originally in Hebrew or Greek, is a question by which the most eminent critics have been greatly puzzled and divided. The balance, however, is clearly in favor of a Hebrew original. The present Greek text was doubtless published at a very early period; who the translator was, cannot, at this distance of time, be determined; probably it was the evangelist himself.

As Matthew was one of the twelve disciples, his history is an account of what he heard and saw, being a constant attendant on our blessed Lord. This consideration, of itself, would prove that, allowing him only to be a man of integrity, he would make no mistakes in his narrative. Add to this, the influence and superintendence of the Holy Spirit, under which he constantly acted, and which our Lord had promised to his disciples, to guide them into all truth, and bring what soever he had spoken to them, into remembrance, Joh 14:26. These two considerations stamp the narrative with the utmost degree of credibility.