


Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

Are you the wise
man or the foolish
man?

The foundation is the most
important part of any building
construction project.

Without a proper, sound
foundation, the building is doomed
to fail.



The Word of God is the foundation of our
relationship with God.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”

Psalm 119:105

“All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

In depth study of the
Gospel of Jesus
Christ according to
Matthew

Creating deep, real relationships with
God through studying His Word.

Books of the New Testament

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude
- Revelation

Anonymous?

- Accredited to the Apostle Matthew, the tax-collector.
- No stated author
- No salutation or identifier, like Paul uses in his letters.

Synoptic Gospels

- **Matthew**

- 1,071 verses
- Roughly 600 verses are the same as in Mark.
- Written between 55-90 AD. (Scholars differ)

- **Mark**

- 678 verses
- Written between 50 and 55 AD
- Widely considered to be source material for Matthew and Luke's Gospels.

- **Luke**

- 1,151 verses
- Roughly 320 verses are the same as in Mark
- Written between 58-90 AD

Who was Matthew's Audience?

- Written in Hebrew or Aramaic
 - Early traditions
- Written in Greek
 - Modern scholars
- Written for Jewish Christians during the first century AD.

Old Testament References

- Over 60 references to Old Testament writings.
- “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet...”
- Tying the life, teachings, authority, and authenticity of Jesus to Old Testament prophets.
- Bringing legitimacy of Christ to his audience.

Old Testament Prophecies

- Matthew 4:12-14, ¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”
- Matthew 8:14-17 - ¹⁴ And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

Old Testament Prophecies

- Matthew 12:17 - ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:
¹⁸ “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; ²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; ²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”
- Matthew 13:35 - ³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”
- Matthew 21:1-5 - Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Presenting, Jesus

- Matthew is presenting Jesus to his audience as the Messiah.

The 5 books of Matthew

- Biblical scholar, Benjamin Wisner Bacon theorizes Matthew wrote his gospel to model the Pentateuch.
- 5 books within Matthew:
 1. Righteousness, 5:1 - 7:29
 2. Missions, 9:35 - 10:42
 3. Kingdom, 13:1-58
 4. Church 18:1-35
 5. Eschatology 24:1 - 25:46

Are you Excited?

- Lot of information to unpack through this study.
- Build our individual relationships with God, together.