

New Testament Survey

Class 2: Matthew

A Map of the New Testament

Category	Sub-category	Book titles
Gospels	Synoptics	Matthew, Mark, Luke
		John
Acts		Acts of the Apostles
Letters of Paul	Letters to churches	Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	Letters to Individuals	1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
General Letters (aka "Catholic Epistles")		Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude
Revelation		Revelation

1	10-Sep-23	NT Introduction
2	17-Sep-23	Matthew
3	24-Sep-23	Mark
4	1-Oct-23	Luke
5	8-Oct-23	John
6	15-Oct-23	Why Four Gospels?
7	22-Oct-23	Acts as history
8	29-Oct-23	Acts
9	5-Nov-23	Introduction to Paul
10	12-Nov-23	Romans
11	19-Nov-23	1 Corinthians
12	26-Nov-23	2 Corinthians

The Importance of Observation

The job of every good reader is to observe what is written. We often read right past what is being said because we think we understand it already. Instead, we should slow down and pay careful attention. Consider Matthew 6:22-23 in context, and compare Deuteronomy 15:9 and Proverbs 28:22.

What do you observe in Matthew?

Theme of Matthew

The purpose of Matthew is to show that Jesus is the long expected King of the Jews, he is Immanuel (“God with us”). He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises and patterns. His work is the dawning of the kingdom of God. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has provided a ransom so that we can be forgiven for our sins (Mat 9:6; 20:28; 26:28).

Geographic Outline of Matthew

1. Preparation for Ministry in Galilee and Judea (1:1-4:11)
2. Galilee (4:12-18:35)
3. Judea (19:1-20:34)
4. Jerusalem (21:1-28:15)
5. Post-resurrection in Galilee (28:16-20)

Five Discourses in Matthew

1. Introduction (Matt 1–2)
2. Narrative (Matt 3–4)
Discourse: Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5–7)
3. Narrative (Matt 8–9)
Discourse: Missionary Instructions (Matt 10)
4. Narrative (Matt 11–12)
Discourse: Collection of Parables (Matt 13)
5. Narrative (Matt 14–17)
Discourse: Instructions for the Church (Matt 18)
6. Narrative (Matt 19–22)
Discourse: Signs of End Times (Matt 23–25)
7. Conclusion: Passion & Resurrection Narrative (Matt 26–28)

Thematic Outline of Matthew¹

1. The Identity of the King: Genealogy and Birth (Chs. 1-2)
2. The Preparation of the King: John the Baptist (Chs. 3-4)
3. The Teaching of the King: The Sermon on the Mount (Chs. 5-7)
4. The Power of the King: Demonstration (Chs. 8-9)
5. The Power of the King: Delegation (Ch. 10)
6. The Surprising Nature of the King (Chs. 11-12)
7. The Surprising Nature of the Kingdom (Ch. 13)
8. The Identity of the King (Chs. 14-17)
9. The Church of the King (Ch. 18)
10. The Final Resolve of the King (Chs. 19-23)
11. The Future Return of the King (Chs. 24-25)
12. The Passion of the King: Crucifixion and Resurrection (26-28)

¹ This outline is adapted from Capitol Hill Baptist Church’s Core Seminar, “Introduction to the New Testament.”