

INTRODUCTION TO MATTHEW

In this class, we will situate Matthew within the larger story of the Scriptures and introduce the main themes of the book.

I) Matthew within the Scriptures

- In John, Jesus is _____.
- In Revelation, Jesus is _____.
- In Hebrews, Jesus is _____.
- In Matthew, Jesus is _____.

II) Jesus's Mission (As Seen in His Name)

1. In Matthew 1:21, who names Jesus?
2. What does the name *Jesus* mean?
3. In Matthew 1:22-23, which OT text is quoted? Why?
4. Looking at this whole section (1:21-23), why did Jesus come to earth?

III) Jesus's Methods (As Seen in the Outline)

1. At the end of the introduction (Mt. 4:23-25), the methods of Jesus are introduced. How would Jesus accomplish His mission?
2. Looking at the outline, how are these methods emphasized? (I'll cover this in the study).
3. So then, Matthew presents Jesus as _____ who has come to _____ by _____.

Simple Outline

- 1-4 Introduction
- 5-25 Main Plot
- 26-28 Climax & Conclusion

The 5 Discourses

"When Jesus had finished these words" (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; & 26:1)

Discourse 1	5-7
Discourse 2	10
Discourse 3	13
Discourse 4	18
Discourse 5	23-25

*A Chiastic Outline of the Main Plot**

- Righteousness (5-9)
- Witness (10-12)
- Kingdom Parables (13-17)
- Church Community (18-20)
- Eschatology (21-25)

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