

# Matthew Series

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## Broad Outline of the Book of Matthew

Matthew 1 to 28

**MAIN THEME:** Jesus and the “*Kingdom of Heaven*” (Book of Matthew)

Matthew (also called Levi) the tax-collector and disciple of Jesus (Matt 9:9-13), wrote his ‘*gospel*’ of Jesus the Messiah  
( \*Greek ‘*evangel*’ means ‘*The good news of the King*’ )

### A. PROLOGUE: Roots and Birth of Messiah (Matt 1 to 2)

- A.1. Introduction to the Book of Matthew
- A.2. Genealogy and birth of Jesus (Matt 1:1-25)
- A.3. Events surrounding the birth of Jesus (Matt 2:1-23)

### 1. Life in the “Kingdom of the Heaven” (Matt 3 to 7)

- 1.1. The Narrative (Matt 3:1 to 4:25)
  - 1.1.1. Ministry of John the baptizer and Jesus’ baptism (Matt 3:1-17)
  - 1.1.2. Temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:1-11)
  - 1.1.3. Beginning of His ministry and calling of the first disciples (Matt 4:12-25)
- 1.2. **FIRST DISCOURSE:** Life in the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matt 5 to 7)
  - 1.2.1. **Kingdom Blessing:** Beatitudes and Witness (Matt 5:1-16)
  - 1.2.2. **Kingdom Living:** Fulfillment of the Old Testament law (Matt 5:17-48)
  - 1.2.3. **Kingdom Disciplines:** Motivation versus Religious practice (Matt 6:1-18)
  - 1.2.4. **Kingdom Priority:** Treasure of Faith versus Materialism (Matt 6:19-34)
  - 1.2.5. **Kingdom Attitudes:** To people and to God (Matt 7:1-12)
  - 1.2.6. **Kingdom Demands:** Commitment, discernment and wisdom (Matt 7:13-29)

### 2. Authority and Advance of the Kingdom (Matt 8 to 10)

- 2.1. The Narrative (Matt 8:1 to 10:4)
  - 2.1.1. Authority to heal sickness (Matt 8:1-13)
  - 2.1.2. Cost of ministry and of discipleship (Matt 8:14-22)
  - 2.1.3. Authority over nature and demons (Matt 8:23-34)
  - 2.1.4. Authority to forgive sin and to celebration with sinners (Matt 9:1-17)
  - 2.1.5. Authority over death, sickness and demons (Matt 9:18-34)
  - 2.1.6. Transfer of the ministry of the Kingdom (Matt 9:35 to 10:1-4)
- 2.2. **SECOND DISCOURSE:** Mission and Martyrdom of the Kingdom (Matt 10:5-42)
  - 2.2.1. Mission and martyrdom of the Kingdom (Matt 10:5-25)
  - 2.2.2. Fearlessness and radical faith of the Kingdom (Matt 10:26-42)

### 3. Nature & Opposition of the Kingdom (Matt 11 to 13)

- 3.1. The Narrative (Matt 11 to 12)
  - 3.1.1. Jesus, John the baptizer and the Kingdom (Matt 11:1-19)
  - 3.1.2. Judgement and the revelation of the Kingdom (Matt 11:20-30)
  - 3.1.3. Legalism and the Kingdom (Matt 12:1-14)
  - 3.1.4. Evil and the Kingdom (Matt 12:15-37)
  - 3.1.5. Signs and challenges of the Kingdom (Matt 12:38-50)
- 3.2. **THIRD DISCOURSE:** The Parables and Nature of the Kingdom (Matt 13:1-53)
  - 3.2.1. **Parable:** of the sower and the Kingdom reason for parables (Matt 13:1-23)
  - 3.2.2. **Parables:** of the weeds, the mustard seed and the yeast (Matt 13:24-43)
  - 3.2.3. **Parables:** of the pearl, the treasure and the net (Matt 13:44-53)

#### Five Discourses of the Gospel according to Matthew

The term **FIVE DISCOURSES** of Matthew refers to five specific discourses (e.g. spoken words or teachings) by Jesus within the Gospel of Matthew. The five discourses are listed below, preceded by an introductory **PROLOGUE** and completed by the **CLIMAX**.

Each of the accompanying **NOTES** will indicate which section you are at as illustrated below...

You Here	MATTHEW: Prologue, Discourse 1 to 5 & Climax	
→	Chapter 1-2	A. PROLOGUE: <i>Roots and Birth of Messiah</i>
	Chapter 3-7	1. Life in the Kingdom of the Heaven
	Chapter 8-10	2. Authority and Advance of the Kingdom
	Chapter 11-13	3. Nature and Opposition of the Kingdom
	Chapter 14-18	4. Glory and Conflict of the Kingdom
	Chapter 19-25	5. Grace and Judgements of the Kingdom
	Chapter 26-28	B. CLIMAX: <i>The Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus</i>

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## 4. Glory and Conflict of the Kingdom (Matt 14 to 18)

- 4.1. The Narrative (Matt 13:54 to 17:27)
  - 4.1.1. Rejection of Jesus and the execution of John (Matt 13:54 to 14:13)
  - 4.1.2. Challenge to the disciples of the glory of the Kingdom (Matt 14:13-33)
  - 4.1.3. Conflict with religious tradition (Matt 15:1-20)
  - 4.1.4. More healings and miracles of the Kingdom (Matt 15:21-39)
  - 4.1.5. Challenge of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matt 16:1-12)
  - 4.1.6. Confession and challenge of Messiahship (Matt 16:13-28)
  - 4.1.7. Transfiguration of Messiah (Matt 17:1-13)
  - 4.1.8. Conflict with demons and the temple tax (Matt 17:14-27)
- 4.2. **FOURTH DISCOURSE:** The Community of the Kingdom (Matt 18:1-35)
  - 4.2.1. The greatest in the Kingdom (Matt 18:1-14)
  - 4.2.2. Discipline and forgiveness in the Church (Matt 18:15-35)

## 5. Grace & Judgements of the Kingdom (Matt 19 to 25)

- 5.1. The Narrative (Matt 19 to 23)
  - 5.1.1. Marriage, divorce and children in the Kingdom (Matt 19:1-15)
  - 5.1.2. Wealth and the Kingdom (Matt 19:16-30)
  - 5.1.3. **Parable:** of the workers: rewards in the Kingdom (Matt 20:1-16)
  - 5.1.4. Suffering, service and ministry in the Kingdom (Matt 20:17-34)
  - 5.1.5. Triumphal entry and cleansing of the Temple (Matt 21:1-17)
  - 5.1.6. Judgement on the Jewish Leaders and Nation (Matt 21:18-32)
  - 5.1.7. **Parable:** of the tenants (Matt 21:33-46)
  - 5.1.8. **Parable:** of the wedding feast (Matt 22:1-14)
  - 5.1.9. Controversy about taxes and marriage in the resurrection (Matt 22:15-33)
  - 5.1.10. Greatest commandment and Messianic identity (Matt 22:34-46)
- 5.2. **FIFTH DISCOURSE:** Consummation of the Kingdom (Matt 23 to 25)
  - 5.2.1. Judgements of the Kingdom (Matt 23:1-39)
  - 5.2.2. Birth pains of the coming Kingdom (Matt 24:1-28)
  - 5.2.3. Coming of Messiah (Matt 24:29-51)
  - 5.2.4. **Parable:** of the virgins and talents (Matt 25:1-30)
  - 5.2.5. **Parable:** of the sheep and goats (Matt 25:31-46)

## B. CLIMAX: The Passion and Resurrection of the King (Matt 26 to 28)

- B.1. Plot against Jesus, His anointing and betrayal (Matt 26:1-16)
- B.2. Lord's supper and Peter's declaration (Matt 26:17-35)
- B.3. Gethsemane and arrest (Matt 26:36-56)
- B.4. Jesus before the Sanhedrin and Peter's denial (Matt 26:57-75)
- B.5. Judas' death and trial before Pilate (Matt 27:1-26)
- B.6. Crucifixion and burial (Matt 27:27-66)
- B.7. Resurrection and great commission (Matt 28:1-20)



### About Alexander Venter: Author of the 'Matthew Series'

The '*Matthew Series*' is the product of Alexander Venter's teaching ministry since 1975 when he became a church planter and pastor. Alexander has been empowered over many years by many relationships to make available Kingdom Treasures in the form of relevant Christian resources, to equip people for life and ministry in God's Kingdom. These teachings are based on the scriptures from **Matthew 13:44-52** – "*God's Kingdom (His life and rule) is like a treasure found in a field. On finding the treasure the person goes away and sells all they have and purchases the field, in order to explore the treasure*". A teacher who is trained in the Word of God brings out these treasures – both old and new realities of God and his Kingdom – to all who seek after God.