

# One Bible, One Story

# New Testament Survey

## From the Beginning to the Very End of the Age: The Gospel According to Matthew.

### Last Week's Main Points:

- There is only one gospel, which is not primarily about us but a message about Jesus and his kingdom.
- The four canonical accounts of the gospel each contribute a unique perspective to the single message through their selectivity, purposes, and even original audience.
- Two of Mark's important questions that he poses to his reader are what kind of messiah is Jesus, and what kind of disciples will this messiah have. The answer to both these questions is one who is willing to suffer.

### I. Introduction

### II. Key themes/features of Matthew

- Fulfillment
- Christology
- “Kingdom of Heaven”
- The Teachings of Jesus
- Conflict Over Authority
- Discipleship and Church
- Mission

### III. Outline of Matthew<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Outline adapted from David L. Turner, *Matthew*, Baker Exegetical Commentary of the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic), 2008, pp 47-51.

- A. Prologue: Origin of Jesus the Messiah (1:1-2:23) -- genealogy, birth, Magi, flight to Egypt
- B. Early days of kingdom word and deed (3:1-7:29)
  - a. Narrative 1: John, Jesus, and the kingdom of God (3:1-4:25)
  - b. Discourse 1: Sermon on the Mount (5:1-7:29)
- C. Galilean ministry continues (8:1-11:1)
  - a. Narrative 2: Three cycles of miracles and discipleship (8:1-10:4)
  - b. Discourse 2: Mission and suffering (10:5-11:1)
- D. Growing opposition to the kingdom of heaven (11:2-13:52)
  - a. Narrative 3: Three cycles of unbelief and belief (11:2-12:50)
  - b. Discourse 3: Parables of the kingdom of heaven (13:1-52)
- E. Opposition to the kingdom continues (13:53-19:2)
  - a. Narrative 4: Varying responses to the Son of God (13:53-17:27)
  - b. Discourse 4: Values and relationships in the kingdom community (18:1-19:2)
- F. Opposition comes to a head in Judea (19:3-26:2)
  - a. Narrative 5: Ministry in Judea (19:3-23:39) -- includes triumphal entry, increasing opposition by religious leaders in Jerusalem
  - b. Discourse 5: Judgment of Jerusalem and the coming of Christ (24:1-26:2)
- G. Epilogue/Conclusion: Passion, resurrection, and commissioning (26:3-28:20)

#### IV. Focus Passages & Table Discussion

- Each table will be assigned one of the following passages from Matthew: 1:1-17 (compare with Luke 3:23-38); 1:18-25 & 2:1-18; (compare with birth narrative in Luke); 5:17-20 (compare with Luke 16:17); 12:15-21 (compare with Mark 3:7-12), 28:11-20 (compare with endings of Luke & Mark)
- As a table, carefully read through your passage. Compare your passage with the passage(s) from the other Gospel accounts. What is similar? What is different? What does that tell you about the Gospel of Matthew?
- What themes/concepts emphasized in today's session appear in your passage? What would we lose if we didn't have this passage in Scripture?

#### V. Application

- Scripture as our true "lense"
- Teachings of Jesus
- Discipleship and Mission