

Book of Matthew... purpose was to reveal Christ as Messiah to the Jews

1. Not sure of author? Prob Matthew
2. Written after book of Mark
3. Written about 80 AD
4. Matthew goes back to Jesus' origins, showing him as the Son of God from his birth, the fulfillment of Old Testament messianic prophecies.
5. Matthew was a Greek speaking Jew. Used the Septuagint (translation of OT)
6. Prior to the Crucifixion the Jews are called Israelites, the honorific title of God's chosen people; after it, they are called "Ioudaioi", Jews, a sign that through their rejection of the Christ the "Kingdom of Heaven" has been taken away from them and given instead to the church
7. The Christian community to which Matthew belonged, like many 1st-century Christians, was still part of the larger Jewish community: hence the designation Jewish Christian to describe them.
8. The author of Matthew wrote for a community of Greek-speaking Jewish Christians located probably in Syria (Antioch, the largest city in Roman Syria and the third-largest in the empire, is often mentioned).
9. Unlike Mark, Matthew never bothers to explain Jewish customs, since his intended audience was a Jewish one; unlike Luke, who traces Jesus' ancestry back to Adam, father of the human race, he traces it only to Abraham, father of the Jews

10. Matthew helps us distinguish between Jew and Christian:

- a. Christian belief that Jesus was Messiah from birth to resurrection
- b. Separation of meeting in synagogue to gathering of church
- c. Rejection / contention for Jewish leaders / pharisees.
- d. Traditions and laws kept / verses / faith and trust in Messiah.
- e. "King in Jerusalem" replaced with term "kingdom of heaven"

OUTLINE – Detailed content of Matthew

1. Birth stories

Genealogy (1:1–17)

Nativity (1:18–25)

Biblical Magi (2:1–12)

Flight into Egypt (2:13–20)

Jesus in Nazareth (2:21–23)

2. Baptism and early ministry

John the Baptist (3:1–12)

Baptism of Jesus (3:13–17)

Temptation of Jesus (4:1–11)

Capernaum (4:12–17)

First disciples of Jesus (4:18–22)

Galilee preaching tour (4:23–25)

3. Sermon on the Mount (5–7)

4. Healing and miracles

Healing many (8:1–17)

Foxes have holes (8:18–20)

Let the dead bury the dead (8:21–22)

Calming the storm (8:23–27)

Gadarene demoniacs (8:28–34)

Healing a paralytic (9:1–8)

Calling of Matthew (9:9–13)

On fasting (9:14–15)

New Wine into Old Wineskins (9:16–17)

Daughter of Jairus (9:18–26)

Two blind men (9:27–31)

Exorcising a mute (9:32–34)

Good crop but few harvesters (9:35–38)

5. Little Commission (10:1–11:1)

6. Responses to Jesus

Messengers from John the Baptist (11:2–19)

Cursing Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (11:20–24)

Praising the Father (11:25–30)

Lord of the Sabbath (12:1–8)

Man with withered hand (12:9–14)

Chosen servant (12:15–21)

Blind-mute man (12:22–28)

Strong man (12:29)

Those not with me are against me (12:30)

Unforgivable sin (12:31–32)

The Tree and its Fruits (12:33–37)

Request for a sign (12:38–42)

Return of the unclean spirit (12:43–45)

Jesus' true relatives (12:46–50)

Parabolic Discourse (13:1–52)

7. Conflicts, rejections, and conferences with disciples

Hometown rejection (13:53–58)

Death of John the Baptist (14:1–12)

Feeding the 5000 (14:13–21)

Walking on water (14:22–33)

Fringe of his cloak heals (14:34–36)

Discourse on Defilement (15:1–20)

Canaanite woman's daughter (15:21–28)

Healing on a mountain (15:29–31)

Feeding the 4000 (15:32–39)

Sign of Jonah (16:1–4)

Beware of yeast (16:5–12)

Peter's confession (16:13–20)

Jesus predicts his death (16:21–28,17:22–23,20:17–19)

Transfiguration (17:1–13)

Possessed boy (17:14–21)

Coin in the fish's mouth (17:24–27)

8. Life in the Christian community

The Little Children (18:1–7)

If thy hand offend thee (18:8–9)

The Lost Sheep (18:10–14)

Binding and loosing (18:15–22)

Unmerciful Servant (18:23–35)

9. Journey to Jerusalem

Entering Judea (19:1–2)

Divorce (19:3–9)

Celibacy (19:10–12)

Little Children Blessed (19:13–15)

Jesus and the rich young man (19:16–30)

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (20:1–16)

Son of man came to serve (20:20–28)

Blind near Jericho (20:29–34)

10. Jerusalem, cleansing of the temple, debates

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem (21:1–11)

Temple incident (21:12–17)

Cursing the fig tree (21:18–22)

Authority questioned (21:23–27)

The Two Sons, The Wicked Husbandman, Parable of the Wedding Feast (21:28–22:14)

Render unto Caesar... (22:15–22)

Resurrection of the Dead (22:23–33)

Great Commandment (22:34–40)

Is the Messiah the son of David? (22:41–46)

11. Woes of the Pharisees (23:1–39)

12. Judgment day

Little Apocalypse (24) tribulation, anti Christ vs “end of world”

Parables of the Ten Virgins, Talents (25:1–30)

Judgment of the Nations (25:31–46)

13. Trial, crucifixion, resurrection

Plot to kill Jesus (26:1–5)

Anointing of Jesus (26:6–13)

Bargain of Judas (26:14–16)

Last Supper (26:17–30)

Denial of Peter (26:31–35,69–75)

Agony in the Garden (26:36-46)

Kiss of Judas (26:47-49)

Arrest (26:50–56)

Before the High Priest (26:57–68)

Pilate's court (27:1–2,11–26)

Death of Judas (27:3-10)

Soldiers mock Jesus (27:27–31)

Simon of Cyrene (27:32)

Crucifixion (27:33–56)

Entombment (27:57–61)

Guarding the tomb (27:62–66,28:11–15)

Empty tomb (28:1–6)

Appearance to the women (28:7–10)

Great Commission (28:16–20)