

Matthew 1:1-17 Beginnings & Begets

I. Why should we embark upon a journey through the Gospel of Matthew?

1. Our Duty: Christians are required to study the life of Jesus, to know what Jesus taught, and to obey His commands.
2. Our Delight: Christians want to study the Life of Jesus.
3. Our Journey: Christian, our duty and delight are fulfilled in the study of God's Word in the fellowship of God's People, the Church.

II. How does this journey through the Gospel of Matthew begin?

1. Matthew begins by taking you "to the beginning."
2. Matthew will lead us on a journey to a person, Jesus Christ.
3. Matthew shows us who Jesus is, the "begets."

III. What will Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of Abraham do?

1. He will save his people from their sin.
2. He will give his life as a ransom for many.
3. He will call all nations to God.

Introduction to Matthew

Author, Date, and Recipients

Matthew was probably written in the late 50s or early 60s A.D. Matthew (also called Levi), the former tax collector who became Jesus' disciple, is the author. The original audience may have been the church in Antioch of Syria. Its members included Jewish and Gentile Christians.

Theme

Matthew tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-expected Messiah who brought the kingdom of God to earth.

Purpose

Matthew writes his Gospel to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah, that he has the right to the throne of David as Israel's true King, and that he is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would be a blessing to all the world (Matt. 1:1, Genesis 12:1-4). Matthew seeks to encourage Jewish Christians (and all future disciples) to stand strong despite opposition. They should feel secure in the knowledge of their citizenship in God's kingdom. Matthew shows that Gentiles also can find salvation through Jesus the Messiah.

Outline

- I. The Person of Jesus the Messiah (1:1-4:16)
- II. The Proclamation of Jesus the Messiah (4:17-16:20)
- III. The Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah (16:21-28:20)