

Sermon Outline Notes

News About Him Spreads

May 24, 2026
Matthew 4:23-25

Matthew 4:17 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

Matthew 4:23-25 Jesus began to travel throughout the region of Galilee proclaiming this Good News about the Kingdom. He singled out individuals and invited them to leave what they were doing and to follow him.

Jesus taught in the synagogues. He healed people of every kind of sicknesses, physical disability and demon possession. The news of His healings and miracles began to spread throughout the region. **Matthew 8:16, 12:15, 14:25-36, 15:30-31, 19:1-2**

Matthew 4:23a As Jesus traveled throughout Galilee he taught and explained his message in the light of the scriptures. He interpreted scripture in such a manner as to show that he was the fulfillment of the promises found in them.

Matthew 4:23b-24 Not only did Jesus proclaim the Kingdom of God, he demonstrated that the Kingdom had arrived. The physical healings confirmed the reality of the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus preached a hopeful message and demonstrated the message’s truths.

Matthew 4:25 People came from everywhere to hear Jesus, to experience him, to receive from him something that he freely gave. He brought the power of heaven and manifested it in their presence.

At this point in his ministry Jesus goes up on a hill to preach to the large crowd of people that surrounded him. This event is identified as the Sermon on the Mount. Here he explains what it looks like to live in the Kingdom of Heaven.

As a church family, we began our study of the book of Matthew by looking at the Sermon on the Mount – **Matthew chapters 5-7**.

Sermon on the Mount Review

God Blesses:

- the poor in spirit who realize their need for God
- those who mourn and those who are humble
- those who hunger and thirst for justice
- those who are merciful, work for peace and are persecuted for doing the right things

Jesus blesses these types of people because they demonstrate the character of God.

He tells us we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. A beacon of hope in a world of darkness. A people of justice in a world of injustice, of mercy in a world of cruelty. A people of purity in a world of perversion.

Jesus taught that he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill the meaning of the law.

He teaches the people about anger, adultery, and keeping vows that are made. That our hearts are to be pure and not perverted. We are to be forgiving and generous, praying for those who persecute us.

What Jesus taught is opposite to our sinful nature and can only be accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit which is freely given to us:

- Prayer and fasting are to be done in private and kept between us and the Lord
- Trust in the Lord to be our provider
- Not to judge others
- Be persistent in doing good, seeking new opportunities to do good

Matthew 7:12 “in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”

Jesus next teaches that the easy way to life, the wide road that the world offers, will not lead to lasting life but to destruction. The gate and road that is narrow is the only way that will lead to eternal life.

We are to watch out for false teachers and identify them by the fruit of their lives.

Matthew 7:24-29 Simply calling Jesus “Lord” is not enough. Jesus says that to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven you have to put Jesus’ words into practice.

This ends the second section of the book of Matthew. In the first section we studied, Matthew is telling his readers how Jesus was connected to the Old Testament. He connects the prophecies and promises of the Messiah found in the Old Testament with how Jesus fulfills them.

The next section of Matthew will focus on Jesus’ healing ministry. We will begin to meet the individuals who have personal encounters with Jesus. We will journey alongside people as they encounter the healing power of Jesus. We will look at their response to his message, his power, and his authority.

As we continue in our study of Matthew, we need to remember that we know what Jesus did. We know he did not come to save the nation of Israel from Rome. We know that Jesus’ ultimate mission was to conquer death. The people he encounters do not know the rest of the story like we do.

Small Group Discussion Questions

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1. Share a time when you were part of or experienced a “large crowd” of people.

Matthew 4:23

2. Where did Jesus’ ministry activities take place in this passage? Locate it on a map.
3. What specific actions did Jesus perform in the synagogues of this region?
4. On what topic(s) did Jesus preach? What do you think he might have said?
5. What three main activities characterized Jesus’ ministry tour through Galilee?
6. How does Jesus’ proactive approach to ministry ("going through all Galilee") differ from the typical expectations of a rabbi or religious leader in that historical context?

Matthew 4:24

7. How would you describe the publicity surrounding Jesus’ ministry in Galilee?
8. How did the masses react to the news of what Jesus was doing?
9. What kind of physically and spiritually ill people sought out Jesus?
10. What did Jesus do for the suffering individuals who came to Him?

Matthew 4:25

11. Crowds came from the "four corners" of Israel (Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan). Locate them on a map. What does this geographical spread suggest about Jesus’ identity and mission?
12. How does the passage describe the different types of people who brought their sick to Jesus, and what does this reveal about the scope of His healing power?
13. What did the people do after hearing Jesus and experiencing His healing touch?
14. In what ways can modern believers emulate Jesus’ model of combining teaching, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and serving the sick?
15. Did you learn anything from this passage about how we should do ministry or the types of things we should pay attention to?

Personal Study Guide

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus

Mark 16:15

1 Peter 3:15

Ephesians 2:10

1 Corinthians 1:17

Matthew 28:19-20

Romans 1:16

Matthew 10:7-8

2 Timothy 4:2

Romans 10:13-15

Psalms 96:3

Matthew 9:37-38

Philemon 1:6

Acts 1:8

John 20:21

John 3:16-17