

The Gospel of Matthew

***. Who wrote the Gospel?**

Written by Matthew, the Apostle

Organized, Jesus pays the temple tax, identifies himself as a publican/tax collector

***. When was it written?**

75-100 AD – After the destruction of the temple

***. To Whom was it written?**

Ethnic Jews originally

***. Why was it written?**

Evangelistic emphasis so the Jews could know the Messiah

Provides instructions for how to live as a Christian

Preserves the teachings of Jesus

***. What are some of the characteristics?**

Emphasis upon the Kingdom

Preserves large blocks of Jesus' teachings

Genealogy is used to demonstrate Jesus' Messianic lineage

Universal outlook

Emphasis on the church

Strong eschatological emphasis

Comprehensive

***. What is the theme?**

To show the King of the Kingdom and the Kingdom of the King

Matthew 3:1–3: Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’ ”

Matthew 4:17: From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 21:33–46: “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. ³⁴ “When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. ³⁵ “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. ³⁷ “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ ³⁹ “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?” ⁴¹ They said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’? ⁴³ “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. ⁴⁴ “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.