

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Chapters 1-2

The Birth of Jesus is a fulfillment of Old Testament Promises (the line of Abraham & David, virgin birth, birth in Bethlehem, gift of magi)

Ch. 3-7	Ch. 8-10	Ch. 11-13	Ch. 14-20	Ch. 21-25
The Annunciation of God's Kingdom	The Kingdom Breaks In	Responses to the Messiah King	Confronting & Correcting Expectations About the Messiah King	Clash of Kingdoms
Chapters 26-28				
Passover Fulfilled & Reinterpreted	Death of Jesus, the Messiah King, as the Suffering Servant			Resurrection & Great Commission



Matthew

Matthew 16:13-28

Sunday, October 11, 2015

The Gospel of Matthew was written by Matthew, the tax collector called by Jesus in Matthew 9, likely in the late 50s/early 60s of the first century.

The Uniqueness of Matthew's Gospel

- Lots of _____.
- Big blocks of _____.
- An emphasis on the "_____ / _____" KINGDOM of God that comes in Jesus.

The Message of Matthew's Gospel

There's a lot going on in the book of Matthew, but "Who is Jesus?" is among his chief concerns . . .

- Jesus is the true & better _____.
- Jesus is the _____.
- Jesus is _____.



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CONNECTING TOGETHER

In Week 2 of our Fall Growth Groups, take some time to get to know one another and share your lives with each other. You might discuss this question. . . .

What is your favorite season on the Central Coast and why?

STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

1. How did you come under God's Word in this message? What did you think & feel in response to this message? What was one thing you learned from this message?
2. Read Matthew 16:13-28 again together. What are the two questions that Jesus asks in this text?
3. In Matthew 16:13-18, who does Peter say that Jesus is? How does Jesus say that Peter knows this? What does Peter misunderstand?

4. Who do people say that Jesus is today?

5. How did you come to see Jesus as the "Suffering Servant Messiah King"? Share your continuing journey.

6. Read Matthew 1:20-23 and Matthew 28:18-20. These are "bookend statements" that communicate a single truth at two critical moments. What is the truth communicated and why at these two moments?

7. How does your life concretely connect to the disciple-making mission of Jesus?

PRAYING TOGETHER

1. Share and pray for one another's needs.
2. Pray for those in your "circles of influence" who don't yet know who Jesus is.
3. Pray for your personal part in the the making of disciples through Grace Central Coast as we together GO & GROW with the Gospel in obedience to the Great Commission.