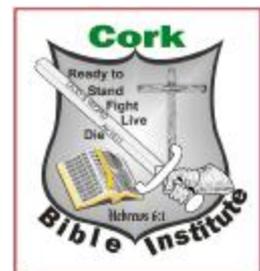

The Gospel of Matthew

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews

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Course Study Description

I. Course Description

- A. This course is an intensive examination of the Gospel according to Matthew, which has the distinction of being first in the fourfold Gospel collection of the New Testament. The course will explore the content of the book of Matthew and its portrayal of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- B. After a discussion of introductory matters such as theories about the book's setting, author, sources, structure, and purpose, we will engage in a detailed examination of each section of the book, keeping in mind what each shorter section contributes to the whole. Comparing Matthew to the other Gospels will highlight both what Matthew has in common with other early Christian portrayals of Jesus, as well as Matthew's unique perspective.
- C. The study of certain specific passages will become the occasion to discuss modern scholarly methods and approaches to the study and interpretation of Matthew, as well as larger themes or issues related to the book (e.g. Christological titles, discipleship, ecclesiology, Kingdom of God, the role of women, conflict with Jewish authorities, fulfilment of the Mosaic Law, invective against the Pharisees, view of history, role of miracles, the last judgement, use of the Old Testament, supersessionism, etc.).

II. Course Objectives - After successful completion of this course students should have:

- A. A thorough knowledge of the content of the book of Matthew and its portrayal of Jesus;
- B. Some familiarity with different theories regarding the setting, composition, structure, and purpose of the gospel;
- C. An awareness of different approaches to studying and interpreting the book of Matthew (historical studies, source criticism, form criticism, atheistic criticism);
- D. Familiarity with key themes in the book and with Matthew's views on matters such as: Christology, Kingdom of God, discipleship, understanding of history, use of the Old Testament, significance of the Jewish law, conflict with Jewish leaders, etc;
- E. Awareness of how the book of Matthew is both similar to and different from other early Christian portrayals of Jesus;
- F. Some understanding of the interpretation of Matthew in the history of Christian thought, and an appreciation for what the book can contribute to modern Christian faith.

III. Required Textbooks

- A. King James Bible

IV. Course Requirements

- A. The Book of Matthew must be read through TWO times before the completion of the Course.
 - B. A Report listing the 25 prophecies presented in Matthew that were fulfilled by Christ and the apostles – you will have to take note of each of the prophecies pointed to in Matthew, and write out completely the verses in Matthew, and in the Old Testament where the prophecy was given. You are not allowed to look up on the internet, or in any other book than in the pages of Scripture for the prophecies and their fulfilment.
 - C. A chapter-by-chapter brief summary of the Book of Matthew. One sentence per chapter is sufficient. The idea is to summarize each chapter in your own words. This needs to be thought out. For example:
 1. Chapter One – the Genealogy and birth of Jesus Christ
 2. Chapter Two – etc.
 3. ...
 4. Chapter Twenty Eight - ...
 - D. Completion of the Study Exam at the end of the Course
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- E. Class attendance and participation. It is imperative that students commit to attending the entire semester of class sessions (certainly emergencies will be recognized that might preclude attendance). You are graded also based upon your participation in class discussions.
- F. You will need to write a Research Paper on a passage in Matthew or on a topic pertaining to Matthew. Approximately 1,500 words minimum (3 pages).
- G. Due date: All course materials are due on _____.

V. Grading Summary

- A. Attendance and Participation 15%
- B. Prophecy, and Chapter Summary 25%
- C. Research Paper 25%
- D. Section Quizzes 20%
- E. Final Exam 15%

Study Introduction to Matthew

Why Study Matthew

I. Book Title – *The Gospel According to Matthew*

- A. The “Gospel” being the story of the life of Jesus being given for the sins of the world (1Cor 15:1-4)
- B. The fact that God used a man (Matthew) to pen the words of the Gospel account shows that God knows we depend upon _____
 1. There will be a total of four perspectives of the life of Jesus presented in the four Gospel accounts
 2. Each account is slightly different providing an additional angle on the life of Jesus:
 - a. Matthew – Jesus is the perfectly qualified _____
 - b. Mark – Jesus is the perfect _____
 - c. Luke – Jesus is perfect _____
 - d. John – Jesus is the perfect _____

II. Date of Writing

- A. Probably around ___ AD (some 30 years after the death of Christ)
- B. But the possibility exists that this Gospel was written sometime right after Jesus’ death, say in 35-40 AD.
- C. There was a large demand for documented writings about the life of Jesus (Lk 1:1-4). There was also a massive effort of _____ those words (2Cor 2:17)
- D. Magdalen Papyrus (P64) of Matthew 26:26,31 has been dated to between 30-70 AD



III. Author – Matthew

- A. The son of _____, and brother of James the less (Mk 3:18; Lk 5:27-29; 6:12-16; Acts 1:13; Mk 15:40).
- B. A Jew of the Galilee area (as were ALL the apostles).
- C. A Tax collector – _____ – public official working for the Roman government (Mt 9:9; 10:3). This was a shameful career for a Jew because it allowed for extortion, bribery, treachery, and other abuses.
- D. In Mark 2:13 and Luke 5:27-29, his name is given as ____: it would seem that ____ was his original name and he later assumed the name Matthew (Maththaios).
- E. Became a disciple of Jesus by invitation, and was a great connection between Jesus and the unsavoury people - people no one else cared about (Luke 5:29)
- F. While in Capernaum, he is called by Jesus to become a disciple while sitting in the customhouse; he gave up his no doubt lucrative tax collecting franchise (Matt 9:9).
- G. Immediately after he was called, Matthew held a banquet in Jesus' honour, which was attended by fellow tax collectors and other sinners (Mark 2:13-17; Matt 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32).
- H. Later became an Apostle of Jesus (Mt 10:1-3)
- I. Not prominent at all among the apostles, yet used by God to write this first Gospel. Prominent ones would include Peter, James, John, and Judas Iscariot.
- J. He is mentioned five times in the New Testament.
- K. The other four references to Matthew occur in lists of the apostles (Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13).
- L. Little else is known about his life.
- M. According to Irenaeus, Matthew preached the Gospel to the Hebrews (Adv. Haer. 3.1.1).
- N. Eusebius confirms this, and adds that after a time he left to preach to other peoples (H.E. 3.24.6).



IV. Placement – the link between the Old Testament, and specifically Malachi, and the New Testament.

- A. With this Book, we are coming out of a series of 39 Jewish Books, and starting into 27 Books that are directed at both Jews and Gentiles.
- B. Matthew, as all four of the Gospels are, is a _____ between the Law, and Grace as general themes.
- C. There was a gap of approximately ___ years between the prophecy of Malachi and the arrival of the Messiah.

1. Judea was under Persian rule until 332 B.C. - under which Nehemiah and Ezra were allowed to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple
2. The Greeks took over from 331 – 167 BC
3. Judea was independent from 167 – 63 B.C., during which the _____ family led the Jews as a small nation back to God – there was a lot of baggage though, and during this time a lot of the apocrypha was written.
4. The Roman Empire took over in 63 B.C under Pompey. Herod the Great was made ruler of Judea by Rome, and he built again the Jewish Temple, which happened to be the one that Jesus walked around in. Many Jews felt indebted to Rome for the peace and tranquillity because of this kindness. But, this is the same Herod that was met by the wise men, and who had all the children massacred when Jesus was born!

V. Purpose of the Book – to present Jesus as the verifiable, promised Messiah.

- A. By His _____ – the fact that He could prove He was a direct descendant of David the king
- B. By His _____ – the fact that He did what the Old Testament promised the Messiah would do –all the way to the cross, and resurrection
- C. By His _____ – He taught, preached, and promoted the Father
- D. By His _____ – the results of Him being here would prove to the world that this Man, was not just any man, but the one promised from God!

VI. Gospel of Matthew: What is the Significance?

- A. The Gospel of Matthew presents many important facts and significant lessons.
 1. First, it clearly establishes that Jesus Christ is the Messiah that was prophesized throughout the Old Testament.
 2. Second, it proves that Jesus was the Son of God, whom He claimed to be through living a sinless and perfect life.
 3. Third, the Gospel records Jesus performing miracles:
 - a. Over nature (calming the storm; Mat. 8:23-27),
 - b. Over sickness - Healing people (curing the servant; Mat. 8:5-13)
 - c. Over death - And raising the dead (Jairus's daughter; Mat. 9:18-19).
 4. Fourth, Jesus personally gives over 200 real and practical lessons of how God desires people to live, respond through challenging circumstances, and make choices regarding their future for eternity. A few examples of these include:
 - a. God answering prayers (8:2),
 - b. Dealing with fear (8:26),
 - c. Having faith (9:29),
 - d. The promise of salvation (10:22),
 - e. Obeying God (15:19),
 - f. Loving your neighbour (19:19),
 - g. Sacrificing (20:22),
 - h. Resolving legal issues (5:25),
 - i. How to give to others (6:2),
 - j. Forgiving others that sin against you (6:14),
 - k. Resisting temptation (4:2),
 - l. Being a hypocrite (23:28),
 - m. Acknowledging Christ (10:32),
 - n. And the image of Heaven and Hell (13:49,50).
- B. Every word spoken and written in this Gospel can be applied to life in a practical manner. Of course, a summary of this extremely important book of the Bible can only provide highlights, and is not a replacement for reading the actual text.

VII. Comparative View of the Life of Christ in the Four Gospels

Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Pre-Incarnation				1:1-3
Jesus' Birth and Childhood	1, 2		1, 2	
John the Baptist	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-20	1:6-42
Jesus' Baptism	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-22	
The Temptation	4:1-11	1:12,13	4:1-13	
First Miracle				2:1-11
Early Ministry (8 months)				2:13 to 4:3
Visit to Samaria				4:4-42
Main Ministry in Galilee (2 years)	4:12 to 19:1	1:14 to 10:1	4:14 to 9:51	4:43-54 and 6:1 – 7:1
Visit to Jerusalem				5:1-47
Later Ministry (about 4 months)	19, 20	10	9:51 to 19:28	7:2 to 11:57
The Last Week (crucifixion)	21 to 27	11 to 15	19:29 to 24:1	12 to 19
Post-Resurrection Ministry	28	16	24	20, 21

VIII. Matthew's Possible use of John Mark's Gospel

- The Gospel of Matthew contains 90% of Mark's material, mostly in the same order
- It is not surprising that it shares the basic structure of the Gospel of Mark.
- But the Gospel of Matthew cannot simply be understood as being a "clone" of the Gospel of Mark. It has a distinct style that is very different than Mark's, even though the framework may be the same.

IX. Statistics of the Book

- The 40th Book of the Bible (matches Isaiah 40).
 - 28 chapters.
 - 1071 verses.
 - 23,684 words.
 - 177 questions are asked, mostly by Jesus in this Book.
 - 25 specific Old Testament prophecies are pointed to as having been fulfilled in this Book. You will be required to find and list them in a report at the end.
 - The Old Testament began with Man made in the image of God. The New Testament begins with God now made in the image of Man.
 - Matthew is one of the most troublesome Books in the Bible next to Acts and Hebrews – because it is _____.
- Matthew – _____ . Covenant Change
 - Acts - _____
 - Hebrews – _____ when the Jews will again figure prominently in God's plan.

X. General Outline of Matthew (Remember, do not use this outline in making your own)

- Introducing the Messiah – the King of the Jews (1:1 – 3:17)**
 - The Genealogy of Jesus Christ
 - The Birth of Jesus Christ
 - Wise Men Worship Jesus
 - Jesus is taken to Egypt for Safety
 - Herod Massacres all Children in Bethlehem
 - John the Baptist begins to prepare people for the soon coming Messiah
 - Jesus Gets Baptized
- Testing the _____ of the Messiah (4:1-11)**
 - Satan Tempts Jesus
- Main Ministry - Teaching About The _____ (4:12 – 19:1)**
 - Jesus Begins to Call Out His Disciples
 - Jesus Begins Teaching About the Kingdom of Heaven

3. Teaching on the Importance of the Law
4. Teaching on Murder
5. Teaching on Adultery and Lust
6. Teaching on Divorce
7. Teaching on Swearing and Keeping Your Promises
8. Teaching on not Always Paying-Back Evil for Evil
9. Teaching on Conquering Your Enemies
10. Jesus Teaches on How to Give Your Money to Good Causes
11. Jesus Teaches How to Pray
12. Jesus Teaches on Fasting When Praying
13. Teaching About Investing in Heavenly Rewards
14. Teaching on Worry
15. Jesus Teaches About Pre-Judging People
16. Jesus Teaches More About Prayer
17. The Golden Rule
18. Christ's Way is Not an Easy Way - But it is the Right Way
19. Warning About False Prophets
20. Jesus Warns About False Believers

D. The Miracles of the Messiah (8:1 – 10:34)

1. Jesus Heals a Leper
2. A Centurion Seeks Jesus' Help
3. Jesus Heals Peter's Wife's Mother
4. Jesus Tests People's Desire to Follow Him
5. Jesus and His Disciples Cross the Sea of Galilee in a Storm
6. Jesus Shows the Most Important Kind of Healing
7. Jesus Calls Matthew to be His Disciple
8. A Question About Fasting
9. The Healing of A Young Girl, and a Woman
10. The Healing of Two Blind Men
11. Jesus Heals a Dumb Man

E. The Ministry of the _____ (10:35 – 11:30)

1. Jesus Urges His Disciples to See How Large, and Needy are the Multitudes for the Gospel
2. Jesus Chooses Twelve Specific Disciples to Be His Apostles
3. Jesus sends out His Twelve with Special Powers and Special Instructions
4. Be Courageous in Telling People About Jesus
5. Jesus Answers John the Baptist's Questions
6. John the Baptist was the Greatest Man
7. Jesus Rebukes the Cities For Unbelief

F. More Teaching and Miracles (12:1 – 20:34)

1. Jesus Teaches About the Sabbath
2. Jesus heals on the Sabbath Day
3. Jesus was Hated and Loved at the Same Time
4. Jesus Gets in Trouble by healing a Blind and Dumb Man
5. The Sign of Jonah is Proof Jesus is Messiah
6. Jesus Teaches Who is in His Family
7. Jesus Teaches More About the Kingdom of Heaven
8. The Parable of the Sower
9. The Reason Jesus used Parables
10. Jesus Explains the Meaning of the Sower and the Seed
11. The Parable of the Wheat and Tares
12. The Parable of the Mustard Seed
13. The Parable of Leaven
14. The Parable of the Wheat and Tares Explained
15. The Parable of Treasure Hidden in a Field
16. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

17. The Parable of the Fishing Net
18. Jesus is Rejected by the People of Nazareth
19. Herod Tries to Believe Jesus is John the Baptist, Whom He had Earlier had Murdered
20. Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
21. Jesus Sends His Disciples into a Storm
22. Jesus Heals Anybody Who Would Believe in Him
23. Jesus Condemns the Keeping of Traditions Instead of the Commandments of God
24. Jesus Explains How People become Defiled
25. Jesus Teaches About Humble Faith
26. Jesus Continues to Heal
27. Jesus Feeds 4,000 People
28. The Sadducees Are Rebuked
29. Jesus Warns About the Teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees
30. Jesus Teaches About Himself
31. Peter Misunderstands What it Means to Follow Jesus
32. Jesus Reveals His Deity
33. Jesus Answers Why Elijah Must First Come
34. Jesus heals a Lunatic
35. Jesus Warns About His Crucifixion
36. Jesus Answers About Paying Taxes
37. Jesus Explains the Value of Being a Child
38. Jesus Warns About Sinning
39. How to Handle Wayward Church-Members
40. Jesus Teaches About Forgiveness
41. The Parable of the Two-Debtors
42. Jesus Teaches on Divorce and Marriage
43. Jesus Invites Children to Trust in Him
44. A Rich Man Seeks Eternal Life
45. Jesus Warns of the Attraction of Riches
46. The Parable of the Penny's Wage
47. Jesus Foretells of His Soon Death
48. Some Disciples Want to be the Greatest
49. Jesus Teaches How to be the Greatest
50. Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

G. Final Entry into Jerusalem (21:1 – 25:46)

1. Jesus Enters Jerusalem as King
2. Jesus Clears the Temple of Thieves
3. A Barren Fig Tree is Cursed
4. Jesus Teaches Where He Got His Authority
5. Jesus Teaches About Repentance
6. The Parable of the Husbandmen
7. The Parable of the Wedding Supper
8. Jesus Answers About Paying Taxes
9. Jesus Teaches About the Resurrection
10. Jesus Teaches What is the Greatest Commandment
11. Jesus Proves His Deity from Scripture
12. Jesus rebukes the Hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Scribes
13. Jesus Warns of the Coming Destruction
14. Jesus Warns of False Christ's
15. Jesus Warns of False Prophets
16. Jesus Explains More About the Coming Great Tribulation
17. The Time of the Second Coming
18. The Parable of the Ten Virgins
19. Rewards for Serving Jesus
20. The Judgment of the Nations

H. **The _____** (26)

1. Jesus Again Prepares His Disciples for His Betrayal
2. Judas Iscariot Agrees to Betray Jesus
3. Jesus Prepares for the Passover Meal
4. Jesus Identifies His Betrayer
5. The Last Supper
6. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane
7. Jesus is Captured like a Criminal
8. Peter Denies knowing Jesus Three Times

I. **The _____** (27)

1. Judas Hangs Himself
2. Jesus is Tried by Pilate
3. Jesus is Crucified
4. Jesus is Buried

J. **The _____ of Jesus Christ** (28:1 – 20)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Pharisees Come up with a False Report
3. The Great Commission