

Matthew
(Gift of God)

Summary:

Matthew is one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was a Jewish tax collector, but his life was changed by this man from Galilee. This Gospel forms the connecting link between old and new testaments because of its emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecy. Matthew has the strongest connections to the Old Testament.

Matthew begins his account by giving Jesus' genealogy. He then tells of Jesus birth; early years; family's escape to Egypt from Herod and their return to Nazareth. Matthew shows Christ's authority by reporting his miracles of healing the sick and the demon possessed, and even raising the dead.

Matthew is typically described as the story of Jesus written by a Jew for Jewish people. There are numerous references to Jewish culture and the Old Testament of the Gospel. Matthew is the fullest systematic account of Christ's teachings.

In His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled the prophecies about the Jewish Messiah and the created church.

{Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Capernum, Galilee, Judea}

Author/ Date: Mathew (Levi); A.D. 60-65; 4 b.c. - a.d. 33

Audience/Setting: Especially to the Jews; Jewish Christians

Purpose: To prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the eternal King. Provide a written proclamation of the redemption God brought about through Jesus.

Key People: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, the disciples, religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, Mary Magdeline

References:

Apologetics Study Bible for Students
Holmans KJV Study Bible
KJV Foundation Study Bible
NLT Life Application Study Bible;