

The Gospel According to Matthew

Week 1

Matthew says to his audience,

- * “This is the fulfillment of ‘OUR’ story!”
- * Jesus is the Messiah, in the line of David, the one we’ve been waiting for!
- * Jesus is a “new Moses” with authority to teach
- * Note how Jesus’ story parallels Moses’ story

Chapters 1-3

- * Set the stage by attaching Jesus to the story of the Old Testament, ie Abraham, David, Jesus
- * Speak to fulfilling the Old Testament Prophetic Promises, ie where and how he was born, virgin birth, etc.
- * Points to Jesus as Immanuel, God with us, this man is more than a mere human

Chapters 4-5

- * Jesus announces God’s Kingdom

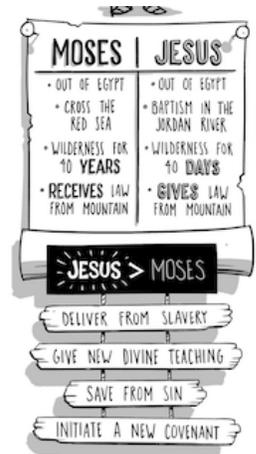
Week 2

Chapters 6-7

- * First major teaching is the Sermon on the Mount, which points us to what it looks like to follow Jesus and transform hearts

Chapters 8-10

- * Bringing the Kingdom into reality in the day-to-day lives of the people
- * 9 stories about bringing the power of the Kingdom through broken, hurting, sick, or endangered people
 - * Note that there are 3 groupings of 3 stories, each separated by Jesus teaching that you fully experience grace only when you follow Jesus and become his disciple
- * THEN... Jesus extends his reach by sending out the 12 disciples who are going to go what Jesus has been doing!
- * This leads to the next big block of teaching
 - * How to announce the Kingdom of God and what to expect when you do
 - * Many of the regular people among the Israelites accept Jesus’ teaching, but the religious leaders do not because they stand to lose a lot of power and control if they repent and follow Jesus
 - * Jesus teaches his disciples that they will be rejected and persecuted for sharing the Gospel



Week 3

11-13
RESPONSES TO JESUS

PARABLES ABOUT THE KINGDOM
(CH 13)

POSITIVE: PEOPLE
JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!

NEUTRAL: JOHN THE BAPTIST
IS HE THE MESSIAH..?

NEGATIVE: PHARISEES
HE IS NOT THE MESSIAH!

14-20
DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE MESSIAH

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM
(CH 18 & 19-20)

- HONOR BY SERVING
- REVENGE VS FORGIVE
- GAIN TRUE WEALTH BY GIVING IT AWAY

SUFFERING SERVANT
ISAIAH 49:53

VICTORIOUS! DEFEATS PAGANS!
PSALM 2 & DANIEL 2

PARABLES AND COMMENTARY

This week we'll begin at chapter 11 and go through several chapters. Chapters 11-13 are the "Responses to Jesus" after Jesus has taught extensively (remember the Sermon on the Mount from previous chapters) and explained to his closest followers what it means to enact a life of discipleship.

These chapters lead us to a transition point in Chapters 14-20. Peter's claim about who Jesus is seems couched in the idea that Jesus will be a military ruler or accomplish this new kingdom by overthrowing those in power. Jesus works to debunk that idea and explain that the expectations followers need to have are based in a new understanding of who and what the Messiah are.