

# 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

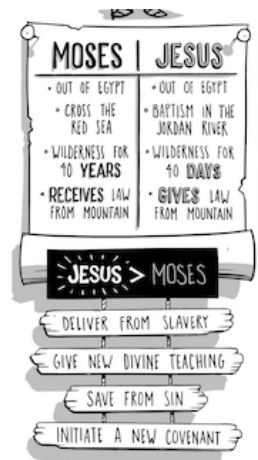
## Week 2

## 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!

**PARABLES AND COMMENTARY**

**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 53

**VICTORIOUS! DEFEATS PAGANS!**  
PSALM 2 & DANIEL 2

**JEWISH** **NON-JEWISH**  
HE'S THE MESSIAH!

**JESUS**  
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?  
YOU'RE THE MESSIAH!

**PHARISEES**  
**PETER & DISCIPLES**

**VS**

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.