

# Matthew – The Book of Christ the King

## Introduction

The name Matthew means, “the gift of God”. He was a Galilean Jew who lived in Capernaum where he was a tax collector. He became a disciple of Jesus (9:9), then an apostle (10:2-3). Think about how amazing it is that when God decided to speak again, that He begins by speaking through a known sinner from an area outside of Jerusalem. By speaking through a person from the “wrong side of the tracks” it is immediately obvious that God is up to something new and exciting

The account of Matthew was written to Jewish people to demonstrate that Jesus was the promised King. In Matthew, Jesus is the conquering Lion who comes to usher in His kingdom and will one day rule and reign over all. The opening verse connects Christ with the two most important Old Testament covenants – David and Abraham.

**Key Phrase** – “That is might be fulfilled” - mentioned 12 times beginning with 1:22

## Key Words

- King (Christ as) - occurs 5 times
- Kingdom – occurs over 50 times

## The Message of Matthew – Christ is the King

### 1. The King’s Endorsements...

- **From the Jewish people** – King David (2 Samuel 7, Matt. 9:27, 12:22-23, 15:22, 20:30)
- **From all Peoples** – The Wise Men
- **From the Old Testament Prophets**
  - Over 300 specific references to the coming of Christ
  - Is this made up? – It could have been refuted by people of the time.
  - Is this manipulated? (Virgin Birth, place of Birth, flight to Egypt)
  - Is this miraculous?
- **From John the Baptist** – 3:1
- **From God the Father** – 3:16  
We have not heard *well pleased* since Eden!

### 2. The King’s Platform...

- **He loves the unlikely** (4:12)
  - To those who are despised, in darkness, and in the shadow of death (9:9)
  - The light of Christ dawns on you!

- **He conquers the uncontrollable**

- Disease (8:1-15)
- Demons (8:16)
- Nature (8:23-27)
- Sin (9:2)
- Suffering
- Death (middle of 9)

Jesus conquers with compassion! (9:35)

- **He serves the undeserving**

- Despite threats He continues to heal (12:13-14)
- Despite rejection, He continues to teach (13:57)
- Despite betrayal, He continues to love (26)

### **3. The Kings Promise...**

- His life will be taken (16:21, 17:22, 20:17)
  - Is this how a king rules?
  - Is this how a king reigns?
- His death will be temporary – All three times he says I will be raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day
  - He is the only king able to defeat death
  - He is the only king able to give life
- His victory will be timeless (24:29)
  - The King's campaign is not over
  - The King is coming back

### **Personal Application:**

Matthews message to his original audience and to us today is the same – We all must choose whether we will accept or reject Jesus as King. If we accept Him as King, major adjustments are necessary in our lives so that we might appropriately serve Him.

1. Radical abandonment for His glory (4:18-22) – Follow me
  - We surrender our lives to Him
  - We spend our lives for Him
2. Radical dependence on His grace – I will make you
3. Radical obedience to His mission – Fishers of Men