



Matthew

Background

- The word "gospel" means "good news." These four books give us a unified message of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The gospels are historical, but they are not biographical. A gospel record is inspired history intended to persuade the reader to believe in Christ.
- Matthew writes to Jewish readers.
- Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called "synoptic" gospels. These men "see with" each other.
- The early church placed the gospels first in the canon though they come later chronologically.
- Though not explicitly stated in the book, church history confirms Matthew as the author.

Roadmap

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Landmark

In Matthew, Jesus is presented as Israel's Messiah and King (1:1). He is the perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. As such, He is the only Christ that could fulfill the requirements of the messianic office.

Must See

Jesus, the Messiah and King, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament (16:16-19) (28:18-20).

Takeaway

1. The King has the credentials - believe in Him.
2. The King has enemies - follow Him.
3. The King has all authority - submit to Him.