

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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The Gospel of Matthew



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Fast Facts

- Tradition considers Matthew (one of Jesus' disciples) to be the author.
- Written approximately 85-90 CE.
- **Uses the Old Testament more than any of the other Gospels.**
- 90% of Mark is included in Matthew.
- Matthew follows Mark's narrative structure.
- Includes a story of Jesus' birth.
- Includes Jesus appearing to people after his resurrection.

Summary

- Chapters 1-2
 - o Begins with a genealogy (a list of a person's ancestors)
 - o An angel tells Mary & Joseph that Jesus will be born. Joseph is skeptical that Mary is having God's child and thinks she may have had an affair.
 - o Magi (wealthy foreigners) visit Jesus' birth.

- Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee (where Jesus was born) commanded that all boys two years and younger should be killed.
- An angel visited Joseph before this happened and told them to leave, so he too his family to Egypt.
- Chapters 3-4
 - Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist to “fulfill all righteousness.”
 - Jesus went into the wilderness to fast for 40 days.
 - While Jesus was in the wilderness, the devil tempted him, telling him to **turn stones into bread, leap from the temple roof to test God, and bow down and worship the devil.**
- Chapters 5-7
 - Sermon on the Mount
- Chapter 10
 - Instructions to disciples
- Chapter 13
 - Collection of parables
 - “The kingdom of heaven is like...”
- Chapter 18
 - Instructions for the Church
- Chapters 19-23
 - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem **humbly.**
 - Jesus tells his disciples about the final judgment that will come one day.
- Chapters 24-25
 - Teaching in Jerusalem
- Chapters 26-28
 - At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples his blood is the “blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the many for the sins of forgiveness of sins” (26:28).
 - Judas hangs himself for his guilt in turning Jesus over to those who wanted to kill him.
 - Peter is asked about knowing Jesus 3 times, and he says he doesn’t know Jesus all 3 times.
 - When Jesus dies, darkness comes, the veil in the temple is torn, and earthquakes break out.
 - Soldiers guarded the tomb when Jesus was buried.
 - When Jesus is resurrected, he tells his followers to make disciples of all nations. This is called ‘the Great Commission.’

Jesus Genealogy

- Traces Jesus back to Abraham, the great ancestor of Israel.
- Connects Jesus with Moses, the man who led Israel out of slavery in Egypt.
- 4 women in the genealogy: Tamar the Canaanite, Rahab the Canaanite, Ruth the Moabite, and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. The fact that the identities of these women are from non-Israelite peoples (a.k.a. Gentiles) shows that Jesus is the savior of both Jews and Gentiles.

Teachings from the Sermon on the Mount

- Beatitudes: Blessed are the ... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Call for highest righteousness.
- Murder, adultery, divorce, swearing, are not only things that we do physically. They are also things that happen in our hearts by being angry.
- Pray, forgive, and fast.
- Do not worry.
- Think of the kingdom of heaven before you consider anything else.
- Do not judge.
- Jesus has authority.

Test your knowledge!

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) What is a genealogy?
 - a. A list of a person's siblings
 - b. A list of a person's ancestors
 - c. A grocery list
 - d. A list of places a person has lived
- 2) In what way was Jesus NOT tempted by the devil?
 - a. Turn stones into bread
 - b. Refuse to die on the cross
 - c. Leap from the roof of the temple
 - d. Worship the devil
- 3) Which is NOT a teaching from the sermon on the mount?
 - a. The beatitudes
 - b. Higher righteousness
 - c. Loving those who have loved you
 - d. Not worrying
- 4) What makes Jesus' genealogy in Mathew distinct? (2 answers)
 - a. It highlights women.
 - b. It traces Jesus back to prominent Jewish leaders.
 - c. It traces his heritage back to Adam.
 - d. It traces his heritage back to God.
- 5) 90% of which other Gospel is included in Matthew?
 - a. Mark
 - b. Luke
 - c. John

Answers: 1) b. 2) b. 3) c. 4) a. & b. 5) a.