

## The Bible - Week 31 (August 15th)

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# Matthew

**Author:** It is proposed that Matthew was a disciple and former tax collector. Also attributed to a source called Q for shared pieces

**Date:** sometime after 70 CE

**Audience:** Matthew wrote to mainly Jewish people to share how Jesus was the Messiah.

**Reason:** To connect the promise of the Messiah to Jesus and the hope we find there.

**Theme:** Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

**Key Verse:**

**Matthew 5:17 CEB**

“Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them.

**Sections:** Ministry in Galilee (Ch 1-7), Miracles and Kingdom parables (Ch 8-13), End of Galilean Ministry (Ch14-18) Ministry in Judea (Ch 19-25), Passion - Resurrection (Ch26-28)

**Key Words:** Kingdom, Covenant, Fulfillment, Father, Spirit

**Basic Intro:** Every Gospel comes to us with a unique lenses to see Jesus. Matthew is the first Gospel in the Bible though Mark is the oldest. Matthew shares us Jesus’

genealogy through Mary to highlight that Jesus comes from David. It is the passion of Matthew to help see the God's continuing work in Jesus and bring the salvation promised to the Jews through him.

**Questions for Discussion:**

- **Who were the 5 women listed in Jesus genealogy and why are they important to us?**
- **Matthew takes time to focus on the “Kingdom of Heaven”, what does that mean to you?**
- **One of the more fascinating scriptures if the Beatitudes, what do you make of them?**
- **Matthew ends with the Great Commission, it is a challenging call that also fits the audience. How does it reach you today?**