

As you read each passage, you may want to consider one or more of the following questions:

- Why would Matthew include this in his gospel?
- How might Matthew's original audience have heard and interpreted this passage?
- How do 2000 years and the perspectives and values of our western culture affect how we hear and interpret this passage?
- What truths/principles are taught in this passage?
- Do our privileged lifestyles prevent us from living out the truths/principles taught in this passage?

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## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Of the sixty-six books in the Bible, no writings are more important than the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. While all four gospels tell some of the same stories, the gospels are like interviewing four different relatives about their perspective of Grandfather. While each relative will repeat some of the same stories, each will include some information peculiarly their own. This is how to read and interpret the four gospels.

The Gospel according to Matthew was written to the Jewish people of the first century. Judaism was the faith tradition of Jesus. Yet, a new pathway of faith was emerging within Judaism that offered Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. How was this possible? Israel was still under the thumb of Rome.

Matthew writes to Jewish people, seeking to help them understand the connection between Jesus and the Jewish faith tradition. As you read and interpret Matthew, you must remember these words were compiled and offered to people who needed to know Jesus' lineage could be traced from Abraham, father of the Jewish people. They needed to see how Jesus fulfilled prophecies. They needed to understand Jesus as a continuation of God's work among them as God's people.

Matthew offers the following viewpoints:

- Several references to prophecies
- Many references to Jewish scriptures and Jewish traditions.
- Points out Jesus' knowledge of the Law
- Connects Jesus to King David
- Compares Jesus to Moses:
  - Jesus finds safety in Egypt
  - Babies are killed at his birth
  - Jesus has exodus from Egypt
  - Time of testing and call
  - People follow him out of bondage
  - Sermon on *Mount*
  - Beatitudes as New Commandments
- Jesus sends his followers to teach others to observe his life principles in Jerusalem and Judea; then in Samaria and the world.

The gospel of Matthew used the gospel of Mark as a primary source. In addition, much of Luke is also included in Matthew. But Matthew also includes other material that is peculiar to Matthew.



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**This** is the first of four quarterly brochures to be used between October 2022 and September 2023. This guide outlines Matthew. Each is designed to guide you through a daily reading of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John throughout this church year.