

Good News

The Gospel is a

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
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Evangelism In Matthew #9

The "Gospel" In Matthew: A Summary

- Our **purpose**:
 - Understand what the gospel **IS**
 - Understand what the gospel **DOES**
- **Mt 1-4**
 - Prepares us for the **ministry** of Jesus
 - The birth narrative: **1.1-25**
 - Jesus' genealogy: **1.1-17**
 - Jesus' birth: **1.18-25**



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- Magi in Jerusalem/Bethlehem: **2.1-12**

- To Egypt **2.13-15** • Death in Bethlehem **2.16-18** • To Nazareth: **2.19-23**

- John’s ministry: **3.1-13** • Jesus’ baptism **3.14-17**

- Jesus’ temptation: **4.1-11**

- The ministry in **Galilee**: 4.12-18.35

- Prophecy: “Galilee of the **Gentiles**” • **4.15**

- **Repent**: For the kingdom of heaven is at hand • **4.17**



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- Mt 4.23-25 emphasized the **teaching • preaching • healing** ministry of Jesus
 - This text focused on a key element of Jesus and his work: **Give First**
 - Remember: “The first act of the Messiah is not the imposition of his commandments but the giving of himself.” [Turner, BECNT, p 139; citing Davies & Allison in ICC]
 - We, like Jesus, must be driven by **physical & spiritual** compassion **for all**
 - We, like Jesus, must **give first!**



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A reminder:

- We sum up the gospel as the death, burial & resurrection of Christ • **1 Cor 15.1-4**
- We refer to faith, repentance & baptism as “obeying” the gospel • **Acts 2, Rom 6**
- **Both** are **legitimate** summaries of the gospel’s **content** & it’s **changes** in us
- But, if the gospel was proclaimed to Abraham — **and it was** — then the gospel must be understood in a more **comprehensive** way • **Gal 3.6-9, 16-18**
- That “more comprehensive way” drives our study of Matthew-Acts in this series



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- **Mt 5-7**

- The ministries of **John** and **Jesus** are introduced by Matthew in the same way:
 - **John:** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” **3.2**
 - **Jesus:** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” **4.17**
- In between those two texts we learn that **God** spoke **from heaven** saying:
 - “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **3.17**
- Mt 3.2 and 4.17 refer to the kingdom of heaven that was **coming soon**
- Mt 3.17 refers to God who was **already** “in heaven” • Heaven was **coming down**



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- **Heaven** in the New Testament

- **273x** • Mt - **82x/4.47f** • Rev **52x/5.28f** • Lk **35x/1.80f**

- Mt mentions “heaven” more than any other NT text

- More often than not in the phrase “**kingdom** of heaven” • **69x**

- As the gospel unfolds in Matthew:

- **Mt 1:** The coming **king announced** • **Mt 2:** The **birth** of the **king**

- **Mt 3:** The **first** announcement of the **king's message** • by **John** (the forerunner/preparer)

- **Mt 4:** The **second** announcement of the **king's message** • by **Jesus** (the Messiah/king)



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- The sermon on the mount does **not** tell us **how** (ie. what “steps to take) to enter the kingdom as much as it tells us **what** those who **are in/or are going to be in** the kingdom **will be like. Why?**
 - Because kingdom **principles** must **first** be seen in kingdom **practices**
 - And kingdom practices are **not singular steps** but **continual habits**
 - In Mt 5-7, **continual habits**, reflect lives **changed** from the **inside out** ...
 - Lives that **stay changed** (regardless of circumstance) ...
 - Lives that are a **continual witness** before the world (even in persecution)



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- The birth of a deliverer • **Moses**
- The deaths of the innocent
- Ex 4.19 • Those who sought ...
- Ex 19.3, 24.18 • On Mt Sinai
- Deut 18.15ff • A prophet like you
- Ex 20 • Preparing a **different people**
- Not just by a series of steps but ...
- By a message that **changes character**
- **Humanity** • Enslaved in **Sin**
- The birth of a deliverer • **Jesus**
- The deaths of the innocent
- Mt 2.20 • Those who sought ...
- Mt 5.1 • To the mountain
- Jn 6.14, 7.40, Acts 3.11 • “the prophet”
- Mt 5-7 • Preparing a **different people**
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- **Moses** leads them **out of** Egypt
- **Joshua** leads them **into** Canaan
- **Humanity** • Enslaved in **Sin**
- The birth of a deliverer • **Jesus**
- **Jesus** (deliverer) takes us **out of** sin
- **Yeshua** takes us **into** his kingdom

“Jesus will save His people “away from” their sins. This is **more than** a promise of forgiveness. It seems to be a promise of **deliverance from a life of sinfulness.**” CC

Jesus **does not just save souls** from the punishment that sin brings ...
Jesus **also takes us to a better place**, a new Canaan.

