

Good News

The Gospel is a

Verbo



Evangelism In Matthew #10

The “Gospel” In Matthew: Who Is It For?

- Our **purpose** to this point:
 - Understand what the gospel **IS**
 - Understand what the gospel **DOES**
- Another **purpose** to consider:
 - **Who** is the gospel for?
 - God’s intent for preaching the good news **starts** and **ends** at the same place...
 - **The gospel is for all!**



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- At, or near, the end of each “gospel” account we see **“the great commission”**
 - **Mt 28.16ff • Mk 16.14ff • Lk 24.44ff • Jn 20.24ff** (3.16, 36, 12.42-50)
- We usually refer to it as **great** because ...
 - It’s **divine/eternal** in origin
 - It’s **grace/mercy/forgiveness/good news** centered
 - It’s all **encompassing/universal** in reach
 - “make disciples of **all the nations**” • Mt.28-19
 - “**all the world ... every creature**” • Mk 16.15 • “to **all nations**” • Lk 24.47
 - “**the world**”/“**he who**” • Jn 3.16, 36, 12.44



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- But what we read at, or near, the end of each “gospel” can also be found **throughout** the gospel records ... especially in Matthew a “Jewish” gospel
 - **Mt** refers to Gentiles **more times** (18)/**more frequently** (.98m) than other gospels
 - Mt 4.15 • Jesus’ ministry starts/centers in **Galilee of the Gentiles**
 - Mt 10.18 • The limited commission, though not directed to the **Gentiles**, was a testimony to them
 - Mt 12.18 • Jesus would declare justice to the **Gentiles**



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- Mt 12.21 • **Gentiles** would trust in his name
- Mt 21.43 • The kingdom would be taken from the Jews & given to **another nation**
- Mt 24.12 • The gospel would be preached to **all the nations**
- Mt 25.32 • **All nations** will be gathered before the Lord
- Mt 28.19 • We must make disciples of **all the nations**



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- **All souls are equal ...**
 - **Politics** does not matter • **Color** does not matter
 - **Ethnicity** does not matter • **Class** does not matter
 - **Education** does not matter • **Wealth** does not matter
 - **Influence** does not matter • **Numbers** do not matter
 - **Our past** does not matter
 - **Only Jesus** matters ...
 - **Only Jesus** changes our future for better!

