

Good News

The Gospel is a

Verbo

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
So all the generations from David to the de-
scendants of David were four-
ty-two years, from David to
Babylon forty years, from
Babylon to Christ's
birth forty years, from
Christ's birth to the
Lord's appearing, "Joseph, son
of Mary your father, who
bore you, he considered this,
and he resolved to divorce
her, because he had seen
that she was unchaste, but
before he had done this,
the Holy Spirit came upon
him, and he conceived in
his womb the Son of God,
and he was born, who is
called Jesus Christ, the
Son of David, the King of
the Jews."



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.**” cq

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

