



INTRODUCTION

Matthew is the Gospel written by a Jew with the design to present Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long-awaited Messiah. Through a carefully selected series of Old Testament quotations, Matthew documents Jesus Christ's claim to be the Messiah. His genealogy, baptism, messages, and miracles all point to the same inescapable conclusion: Christ is King. Even in His death, seeming defeat is turned to victory by the Resurrection and the message again echoes forth, "The King of the Jews Lives" (*taken from NKJV Wide Margin Reference Edition Bible*). It is my prayer, and I ask that you pray with me, that this study will make His followers here at IBC more loyal to His Person, more devoted to His cause, and more eager for the hour of His appearing and undisputed righteous rule over all of His creation.

I. AUTHORSHIP

A. DIVINE ... 2 Peter 1:2

B. HUMAN ... Matthew = "Gift of God"

▶ His CALL ... Matthew 9:9

▶ His DECISIVENESS... Matthew 9:9

▶ His HOSPITALITY... Matthew 9:10-13

▶ His APOSTLESHIP... Matthew 10:3

▶ His HUMILITY... Matthew 10:3

▶ His MARTYRDOM... Foxes Book of Martyrs p. 9

II. DATE - approximately 45 – 50 AD

III. THEME

In his Gospel Matthew sets out to show that Jesus Christ is the long expected MESSIAH of Israel, the only lawful Claimant to the throne of David.

Matthew = The Gospel of The KING

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IV. KEY VERSE ... Matthew 21:5

*"Say to the Daughter of Zion, '**BEHOLD YOUR KING** comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
(Zechariah 9:9)*

V. CHARACTERISTICS

1. Emphasizes the _____ ministry of Jesus
2. Extensive quotes and allusions to _____
3. Reveals a great deal of interest in _____ and disdain for _____ of Israel's leaders.

VI. SOME UNIQUE FEATURES OF MATTHEW

1. Records the _____ of Judas - Matthew 27:3-5
2. Jewish request that _____ of Christ be upon them and their children - (Matthew 27:25)
3. _____ of saints when Jesus died - (Matthew 27:52-53)
4. Religious leaders _____ story to explain away resurrection (Matthew 28:11-15)

CONCLUSION