

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

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INTRODUCTION

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

Matthew = The Gospel of FULFILLMENT

Matthew = The Gospel of REJECTION

Matthew = The Gospel of the RETURNING KING

IV. KEY VERSE ... Matthew 21:5

"Say to the Daughter of Zion, ' _____ 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 distain 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