

MATTHEW

INTRODUCTION

1. We often spend detailed study on a particular verse - subject - character - chapter
 - this is good; helpful; right
2. Might question ourselves - do we have a fair / good over-all view of the Books of the Bible? Could you tell - what a letter was about that a close friend wrote to you? Should spend some time trying to learn what a particular Book of the Bible says!
3. Obviously, a very brief study - deep investigation would only defeat the approach!
4. This being the first in a series of studies on the Books of the N.T.

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

A. The Man

1. unlike Peter or Paul - not very much recorded about Matthew
 - name means "the gift of Jehovah"
 - found in all 4 catalogues of the apostles
 - mentioned 8ts in N.T. 5ts Matthew / 3ts Levi (Mt. 9:9 = Lk. 5:27,29)
 - must remember to consider him in the "group" when speaking of apostles Acts 8: 1ff
2. he worked as a publican (tax collection for the Romans) Mt. 9:9 receipt of customs
 - examined goods and collected tolls on roads, bridges, ports
 - see material on Matthew - outline of Matthew
3. His father = Alpheus
4. said - not one quote from the lips of Matthew - no recorded statement that he, himself made

B. To Whom

1. obviously, preserved for all times for all men
2. no doubt the writing is slanted toward the Jewish mind - quotes from O.T. in almost every chapter (60 quotes - someone counted)
3. Definitely, helpful to the Jewish convert

C. Purpose

1. Someone once said - "Tells us in Whom to believe" - yes, it certainly does that !
2. He is showing Jesus is the King of the expected kingdom
 - He confirms and encourages the faithful converted Jews
 - He defeats the false arguments of the unconverted Jews that there is a contrast between Jesus and the O.T. teaching.
3. Matthew is not writing in the strict chronological order
 - he groups various subjects!

II. OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

A. Early History

1. Genealogy - the royal / legal line
2. The announcement of Jesus' birth - to Joseph by angel
3. The coming of the Magi - Herod's plot and ultimate deeds
4. A flight to Egypt - angel directed :13 The return from Egypt - angel directed :19
5. Moved back into the city of Nazareth - in Galilee

6. Jesus comes to John's baptism - a return into Judea
7. The Judean work is recorded in John's record

B. The "Bulk" of the Book = Work in Galilee

1. Consider two verses
 - Mt. 4:12 - He departed into Galilee
 - Mt. 19:1 - He departed from Galilee
2. Actually, does mention His trips to Jerusalem but basically - He is working in the North!

III. WHAT JESUS TAUGHT

A. 10 Components in the Sermon on the Mount

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| 1. Beatitudes = virtues 5:3-16 | 6. Social Discernment = social 7:1-6 |
| 2. Moral Standard = morals 5:17-48 | 7. Encouragement 7:7-11 |
| 3. Religious Motives = motives 6:1-18 | 8. Summary Sentence 7:12 |
| 4. Mammon Worship = materialism 6:19-24 | 9. Alternatives 7:13,14 |
| 5. Temporal Care = temporal 6:25-34 | 10. Final Warnings 7:15-27 |
| | (see Baxter - p. 140 - Mt.) |

IV. WHAT JESUS WROUGHT

A. 10 Miracles

1. leprosy 8:1-4
2. palsy 8:5-13 (Centurion's servant)
3. fever 8:14,15 (mother-in-law)
4. storm 8:23-27
5. demons 8:28-34
6. palsy 9:1-8
7. issue of blood 9:18-22
8. dead raised 9:23-26
9. blind 9:27-31
10. dumb 9:32-34

V. WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT

A. 10 Reactions

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| 1. John's disciples 11:2-15 | undecided |
| 2. This generation 11:16-19 | unresponsive |
| 3. Cities of Galilee 11:20-30 | unrepentant |
| 4. Pharisees 12:2, 10, 14,24, 38 | unreasonable |
| 5. Multitudes 13 (summary) | undiscerning |
| 6. Nazareth 13:53-58 | unbelieving |
| 7. King Herod 14:1-13 | unintelligent |
| 8. Jerusalem scribes 15:1-20 | unconciliatory |
| 9. Pharisees/Sadducees 16:1-12 | unrelenting |
| 10. Apostles 16:13-20 | glad recognition |

VI. THE CLIMAX IN JUDEA (19 - 28)

A. The presentation 19 - 25

1. "The Lord's public presentation of Himself as the Messiah"
2. JOURNEY = trip up to Jerusalem - He knew the 'outcome' before ever entering the gates 20: 17ff
3. ENTRY = He offered self as Messiah 21:1-17 (21:5)
4. CLASHES = (21:18 - 23) They rejected Him / in turn, He rejected them!
5. MESSAGE = (24 & 25) things to come!

B. The Crucifixion (26 & 27)

1. Among the chosen disciples 26:1-56
2. Before the Jewish Court 26:57-75
3. Before the Roman Court 27:1-26
4. Death, Burial 27:27-66

C. The Resurrection (28)

1. the angel :1-7
2. the appearance of Jesus :8-10
3. the planned lie :11-15
4. the commission to the 11 :16-20