

MATTHEW
INTRODUCTION
August 30, 2026

Truths to Keep in Mind as We Study Matthew

- 1) Matthew is all about _____ - but it is also about _____.**

Matthew isn't simply giving us information about Jesus. Matthew is asking us to decide about Jesus.

As we move through Matthew, we meet all kinds of people.

Key question: "What will I do with Jesus?"

- 2) Matthew presents to the readers _____ the _____.**

Matthew 2:2, 28:18

- 3) Matthew shows us that Jesus is not _____.**

Matthew 1:1-16

God has been working His plan throughout history.

Not a single person in the Jesus story was there by accident.

- 4) Matthew connects the _____ and _____.**

The Old and New Testaments aren't two unrelated books.

- 5) Matthew is about the _____ of _____.**

How is Jesus?

Messiah, Son of God, King, Lord

- 6) Matthew is also a gospel of _____.**

Matthew 28:19

- 7) Matthew begins and ends with the amazing truth: _____ is _____.**

Matthew 1:23, 28:20

Digging Deeper Study Notes – August 30, 2026

Matthew writes to answer one great question – Who is Jesus?

Learn more this week about the writer of this good news account of Jesus.

Who was Matthew? (Also known as Levi) Read Matthew 9:9-11, Mark 2:13-17

- He was a tax collector; Jesus saw Him sitting at his booth and invited Him to join Jesus.
- Matthew got up and followed Jesus.
- Later, He threw a party for Jesus and his disciples and invited some of his tax collector buddies (co-workers) and other sinners with a bad reputations!
(Matthew gives us a great look at what relationship evangelism looks like. Matthew invites Jesus, the disciples and some of his “lost” friends.)

We see the view that religion had of Matthew. He, the other tax collectors and those wicked sinners are referred to as SCUM by the religious leaders.

Matthew’s life was a living testimony of the good news of Jesus and the plan of God. Jesus calls unlikely people to follow Him.

Matthew went from collecting money for Rome to proclaiming the King of God’s kingdom.

Who was Matthew writing to?

Matthew has a strong Jewish background and frequently connects Jesus to the Old Testament.

He repeatedly says things happened “to fulfill” what God had spoken.

He wants His readers to see Jesus isn’t an unexpected change in God’s plan – JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD’S PLAN.

What is Matthew trying to prove?

That Jesus is the promised king, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the World.

Matthew wants us to see who Jesus is, what Jesus came to do, and what Jesus calls us to do.”