



# **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

## Introduction to Matthew

### 1. Overview of Matthew's Purpose:

- Links the Old and New Testaments
- Written for a predominantly Jewish audience
- Emphasizes Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and covenants
- Showcases Jesus' authority and divinity

## Structure and Key Themes of Matthew

### 2. Introduction (Chapters 1-3)

- Genealogy of Jesus (link to David and Abraham)
- Birth of Jesus (Prophecies Fulfilled: Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, etc.)
- Jesus as Emmanuel (God with us)
- John's Baptism of Jesus and Jesus' approval by God

### 3. Jesus Announces God's Kingdom (Chapters 4-7)

- Temptation of Jesus
- Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- Beatitudes
- Teachings on the Law, Prayer, and Christian Living

#### 4. Reality of the Kingdom in Everyday Life (Chapters 8-10)

- Demonstration of Jesus' Power
  - Miracles and Healings in Nine Accounts (Sick, Broken Bodies, Lives in Danger)
- Cost of Following Jesus
- Instructions to the Disciples (Matthew 10)
  - Announcing the Kingdom and Expecting Persecution

#### 5. Responses to Jesus (Chapters 11-13)

- Challenges to Jesus' Authority
- Kingdom Parables (Matthew 13)
  - Descriptions of the Kingdom of Heaven

#### 6. Different Expectations of the Messiah (Chapters 14-20)

- Miracles (Feeding 5,000, Walking on Water)
- Peter's Confession at Caesarea Philippi (Identification of Jesus as Messiah)

#### 7. Clash with Religious Leaders (Chapters 21-25)

- Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9, Daniel 9:25)
- Cleansing the Temple
- Woes against the Pharisees (Matthew 23)
- Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24-25)
  - Prophecies about the End Times and Living Expectantly

## 8. Passion, Death, and Resurrection (Chapters 26-28)

- Last Supper and Jesus's Arrest
- Trials and Crucifixion
- Resurrection and Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)
- "Go and make disciples..."

## Key Verses and Teachings

### 9. Key Verses in Matthew:

- Matthew 5:17
- Matthew 5:43-44
- Matthew 6:9-13
- Matthew 16:26
- Matthew 22:37-40
- Matthew 27:31
- Matthew 28:5-6, 10-20

### 10. Key Words and Phrases:

- "Kingdom of Heaven" (33 times)
- "Father who is in Heaven" (22 times)
- "Son of David" (8 times)
- "Then" (90 times, unique to Matthew's training as a tax collector)

## Conclusion

### 11. Summary of Jesus' Ministry in Matthew:

- Jesus as Emmanuel, God with Us (Matthew 1:23 and Matthew 28:20)
- Addressing Hypocrisy among Religious Leaders (Matthew 23)
- Emphasis on Teaching the Full Counsel of God's Word (Matthew 28:20)
- The Sermon on the Mount and its implications for Christian Living
- The Role of Jesus in fulfilling Jewish Prophecies and creating a New Covenant

## Application

### 12. Living the Gospel:

- Encouragement to spend time in God's word
- Living according to Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount
- Understanding the Kingdom of Heaven's contrast with worldly systems

This outline captures the major divisions and themes from the sermon, providing a structured guide for studying the book of Matthew.