

The Gospel of Matthew

The Good News of the KINGDOM



Good News of the Kingdom

- Matthew highlights the kingship of Jesus – Matt 1:1–17; 13:41–43; 16:13–20; 26:62–66; 27:37, 54; 28:18.
- Matthew also features the coming kingdom of Christ – Matt 3:2; 4:17, 23; 5:3, 10; 6:10; 7:21; 16:28; 25:34; cf. 4:8–10.

“Kingdom” in Matthew can be the rule of Christ in the heart of the individual OR the universal church OR the final abode of Christians.

discernment, purity, and **readiness** – Matt 5:3–7:27 (5:20; 6:1, 33); 10:5b–42; 13:3–52; 18:3–35 (v. 3–4); 24:2–25:46.

Good News for Jews and Gentiles

- Matthew primarily addresses a Jewish-Christian audience (e.g., genealogy, OT quotations, unexplained customs).
- Yet Matthew underscores Gentile inclusion in the story of the gospel – Matt 1:3, 5, 6; 2:1–12; 8:5–13, 28–34; 15:21–28; 28:19–20; cf. 10:5–6; 25:31–33.
- A Jewish Messiah (Jesus) rules over the kingdom of God, a kingdom that includes Jews and Gentiles, of which we (sinners) can be a part – Col 1:13–14; 2 Pet 1:10–11.

Good News for You and Me

- All people (Christians and non-Christians) are accountable to the gospel of Christ – Rom 2:14-16; John 12:47-48; 2 Thess 1:6-9; cf. Matthew 7:21-27; 10:14-15; 19:8-9.
- The Gospel of Matthew prepares us to be kingdom citizens (i.e., kingdom evangelists) – Matt 4:17; 5:3-10; 28:18-20
- Jesus has established his kingdom (church) and will bring his people into the eternal kingdom (heaven). **Are you a kingdom citizen? Will you obey the good news today?**

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