

### **Aquifer Open Study Notes (Book Intro Summaries)**

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### Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew

#### *Purpose*

1. To demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah (God's anointed one)
2. To help Christians understand how to live in relation to Judaism

#### *Author*

Matthew (also known as Levi), one of the twelve apostles of Jesus

#### *Date*

Likely sometime between AD 65 and 80

#### *Setting*

Written at a time in which early Christians were struggling to make sense of the relationship of their new beliefs to the Jewish faith