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Matthew

What is the book of Matthew?

- The Gospel of Matthew is a collection of stories about Jesus. It includes Jesus' words and teachings. The stories and teachings were passed down by Jesus' followers who lived and worked with him.
- Matthew wrote these stories and teachings down. It's thought that he wrote them down between the years AD 60 and 65.

Who was Matthew written for?

- For Jews in Israel during Jesus' time.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Matthew's gospel shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Matthew written?

- To show Jews that Jesus is the King and Messiah God had promised to send.
- To urge Jews to believe in Jesus and follow him faithfully.

Main ideas

- Jesus' life and work fulfil Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.
- Jesus has authority as a teacher. Matthew recorded Jesus' teachings in five long messages.
- Jesus is the King of the whole world.
- Jesus brought God's kingdom to earth.

Outline

Jesus' family line and birth (1 – 2).

Jesus is baptised and tempted (3 – 4).

Jesus' first long message. Teachings on the mountainside (5 – 7).

Jesus shows he has authority (8 – 9).

Jesus' second long message. Teachings for the 12 disciples (10).

Some believe in Jesus and some oppose him (11 – 12).

Jesus' third long message. Teachings about the kingdom of heaven (13).

Jesus performs miracles and is opposed (14 – 17).

Jesus' fourth long message. Teachings about the kingdom of heaven and about being important (18).

Jesus travels to Jerusalem and warns Jerusalem (19 – 23).

Jesus' fifth long message. Teachings from the Mount of Olives (24 – 25).

Jesus' last days, death and resurrection (26:1 – 28:15).

Jesus' final instructions to his disciples (28:16–20).