

Gospel of Matthew: Chapter-by-Chapter Map

Chapter 1: Genealogy and Birth of Jesus

1. Genealogy of Jesus

- Traced from Abraham to David, then to Joseph

2. Virgin Birth

- Mary is betrothed to Joseph
- **Angel's Message:** Joseph accepts Jesus as his son (Matthew 1:18-25)

3. Fulfillment of Prophecy

- "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (Matthew 1:21)

Chapter 2: Early Life of Jesus

1. Visit of the Magi

- Wise men from the East bring gifts (gold, frankincense, myrrh)
- **Herod's Plot:** King Herod seeks to kill Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

2. Flight to Egypt

- Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape to Egypt to avoid Herod's massacre

3. Return to Nazareth

- After Herod's death, the family returns and settles in Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23)

Chapter 3: Ministry of John the Baptist

1. John Prepares the Way

- Proclaims repentance for the Kingdom of Heaven is near (Matthew 3:1-3)

2. Baptism of Jesus

- Jesus is baptized by John
- **Heaven Opens:** Spirit of God descends like a dove, voice from heaven (Matthew 3:13-17)

Chapter 4: Temptation and Early Ministry

1. Temptation of Jesus

- Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)

2. Jesus Begins to Preach

- Calls for repentance (Matthew 4:17)

3. Calling of the First Disciples

- Peter, Andrew, James, and John follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22)

4. Jesus Heals the Sick

- Demonstrates authority through miracles (Matthew 4:23-25)

Chapter 5: The Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes and Teachings)

1. Beatitudes

- Blessings for the poor, meek, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and persecuted (Matthew 5:1-12)

2. Salt and Light

- Believers as the salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

3. Fulfillment of the Law

- "I have come to fulfill the law and the prophets" (Matthew 5:17-20)

4. Teachings on Various Topics

- Murder and anger (Matthew 5:21-26)
- Adultery and lust (Matthew 5:27-30)
- Divorce (Matthew 5:31-32)
- Oaths (Matthew 5:33-37)
- Eye for eye (Matthew 5:38-42)
- Love your enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)

Chapter 6: Practices of Righteousness

1. Giving to the Needy

- **Give Covertly** (Matthew 6:1-4)

2. Prayer

- **Pray Covertly**; the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)

3. Fasting

- **Fast Covertly** (Matthew 6:16-18)

4. Treasures in Heaven

- Do not store up earthly treasures (Matthew 6:19-24)

5. Do Not Worry

- Trust in God's provision (Matthew 6:25-34)

Chapter 7: Judging and Discernment

1. Do Not Judge

- Avoid hypocritical judgment (Matthew 7:1-6)

2. Ask, Seek, Knock (Golden Rule)

- Persistence in prayer (Matthew 7:7-12)

3. The Narrow Gate

- The difficulty of entering the Kingdom (Matthew 7:13-14)

4. True and False Prophets

- Recognize by their fruits (Matthew 7:15-20)

5. Wise and Foolish Builders

- Importance of a strong foundation (Matthew 7:24-27)

Chapter 8: Miracles and Healing

1. Healing a Leper

- Jesus heals and shows willingness (Matthew 8:1-4)

2. Healing the Centurion's Servant

- Faith of the centurion praised (Matthew 8:5-13)

3. Healing Many and Casting Out Demons

- Demonstrates authority over infirmities and spirits (Matthew 8:14-17)

4. Cost of Following Jesus

- "Two are better than one"; willingness to let the dead bury the dead (Matthew 8:18-22)

5. Calming the Storm

- Demonstrates power over nature (Matthew 8:23-27)

6. Gerasene Demoniac

- Sends demons into pigs (Matthew 8:28-34)

7. Rejection by People

- People ask Jesus to leave their region (Matthew 8:34)

Chapter 9: Forgiveness and Calling Matthew

1. Forgives the Paralytic

- Faces criticism for claiming forgiveness (Matthew 9:1-8)

2. Calling of Matthew, the Tax Collector

- Invites Matthew to follow and host Jesus (Matthew 9:9-13)

3. Disciples Fasting

- New teaching on fasting (Matthew 9:14-17)

4. Jesus Heals a Dead Girl and the Blind and Mute

- Demonstrates power over death and disabilities (Matthew 9:18-34)

5. Messengers Demand Jesus Leave

- Jesus emphasizes the need to follow Him fully (Matthew 9:35-38)

Chapter 10: Mission of the Twelve Apostles

1. Sending Out the Twelve

- Instructions for preaching, healing, and handling persecution (Matthew 10:1-42)

2. Warnings About Persecution

- Hostility and division faced by disciples (Matthew 10:16-23)

3. Rewards and Costs

- Promise of rewards and warnings about sacrifice (Matthew 10:24-42)

Chapter 11: Jesus and John, the Baptist

1. John's Inquiry

- John asks if Jesus is the Messiah (Matthew 11:1-19)

2. Jesus' Response

- Reports of miracles as evidence (Matthew 11:2-6)

3. Woes to Unrepentant Cities

- Denounces cities that rejected Him (Matthew 11:20-24)

4. Jesus' Invitation for Rest

- "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened" (Matthew 11:25-30)

Chapter 12: Sabbath Controversies

1. Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

- Challenges Sabbath restrictions (Matthew 12:1-8)

2. Healing on the Sabbath

- Emphasizes mercy over ritual (Matthew 12:9-14)

3. Jesus' True Family

- Redefines His family as those who do God's will (Matthew 12:46-50)
- 4. **Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit**
 - Warning against attributing His work to Satan (Matthew 12:31-32)
- 5. **Sign of Jonah**
 - Prediction of His death and resurrection (Matthew 12:38-42)
- 6. **Mother and Brothers**
 - True kinship through obedience to God (Matthew 12:46-50)

Chapter 13: Parables of the Kingdom

1. **Parable of the Sower**
 - Different responses to the Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)
2. **Parable of the Weeds**
 - Coexistence of good and evil until the end (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
3. **Parable of the Mustard Seed**
 - Growth from small beginnings (Matthew 13:31-32)
4. **Parable of the Yeast**
 - Kingdom's pervasive influence (Matthew 13:33)
5. **Parable of the Hidden Treasure**
 - Value of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:44)
6. **Parable of the Pearl of Great Price**
 - Sacrifice for valuable truth (Matthew 13:45-46)
7. **Parable of the Net**
 - Final judgment separating the righteous and the wicked (Matthew 13:47-50)
8. **Prophet in His City**
 - Lack of honor in His hometown (Matthew 13:54-58)

Chapter 14: Miracles and Feeding the Multitude

1. John the Baptist Beheaded

- Herod's response to Salome's request (Matthew 14:1-12)

2. Jesus Withdraws

- Attempts to rest, but crowds follow (Matthew 14:13-21)

3. Feeding the 5,000

- Miracle of loaves and fish (Matthew 14:13-21)

4. Walking on Water

- Demonstrates divine power (Matthew 14:22-33)

5. Jesus Heals Many

- Continues healing and ministering (Matthew 14:34-36)

Chapter 15: Traditions and Teachings

1. Traditions vs. Commandments

- Jesus confronts Pharisees on traditions (Matthew 15:1-20)

2. Feeding the 4,000

- Another miraculous feeding (Matthew 15:32-39)

3. Disciples' Faith

- Teachings on genuine faith and practice (Matthew 15:29-39)

Chapter 16: Peter's Confession and Jesus' Prediction

1. Demand for a Sign

- Jesus refuses to perform signs (Matthew 16:1-4)

2. Peter's Confession

- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:13-20)

3. Jesus Predicts His Death

- Foretells suffering, death, and resurrection (Matthew 16:21-28)

Chapter 17: Transfiguration and Teachings

1. Transfiguration

- Jesus is transfigured with Moses and Elijah; God affirms Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8)

2. Healing of a Demon-Possessed Boy

- Disciples fail to heal; Jesus emphasizes faith (Matthew 17:14-21)

3. Temple Tax

- Jesus teaches about His kingdom (Matthew 17:24-27)

Chapter 18: Church Discipline and Forgiveness

1. Greatest in the Kingdom

- Being humble like children (Matthew 18:1-4)

2. Dealing with Sinning Brothers

- Steps for church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20)

3. Parable of the Lost Sheep

- Value of each individual (Matthew 18:10-14)

4. Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

- Importance of forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)

Chapter 19: Teachings on Marriage and Wealth

1. Teachings on Divorce

- Sanctity of marriage and permissible grounds (Matthew 19:1-12)

2. Blessing the Children

- Emphasis on childlike faith (Matthew 19:13-15)

3. The Rich Young Ruler

- Challenge of wealth and entering the Kingdom (Matthew 19:16-30)

Chapter 20: Parables and Discipleship

1. Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

- God's generosity and fairness (Matthew 20:1-16)

2. Jesus Predicts His Death Again

- Reiterates His upcoming suffering (Matthew 20:17-19)

3. Request for a Favor

- Mother of James and John asks for positions (Matthew 20:20-28)

4. Healing Two Blind Men

- Demonstrates compassion and power (Matthew 20:29-34)

Chapter 21: Triumphal Entry and Temple Cleansing

1. Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- Fulfills prophecy; hailed by crowds (Matthew 21:1-11)

2. Cleansing the Temple

- Drives out money changers, condemns commercialization (Matthew 21:12-17)

3. Fig Tree Cursed

- Lesson on faith and fruitfulness (Matthew 21:18-22)

4. Authority Questioned

- Confrontations with religious leaders (Matthew 21:23-27)

Chapter 22: Parables and Commandments

1. Parable of the Two Sons

- Obedience vs. rebellion (Matthew 21:28-32)

2. Parable of the Tenants

- Judgment on unfaithful leaders (Matthew 21:33-46)

3. Parable of the Wedding Banquet

- Invitation to the Kingdom and rejection (Matthew 22:1-14)

4. Greatest Commandment

- Love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40)

5. Question About the Messiah

- Jesus' divine authority affirmed (Matthew 22:41-46)

Chapter 23: Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

1. Seven Woes

- Condemnation of hypocrisy, pride, and legalism (Matthew 23:1-36)

2. Lament over Jerusalem

- Mourning for the city's rejection (Matthew 23:37-39)

Chapter 24: Signs of the End Times

1. Olivet Discourse

- Teachings on the destruction of the Temple and end times (Matthew 24:1-51)

2. No One Knows the Day or Hour

- Emphasis on vigilance and preparedness (Matthew 24:36-44)

Chapter 25: Final Parables and Judgment

1. Parable of the Ten Virgins

- Readiness for the Kingdom (Matthew 25:1-13)

2. Parable of the Talents

- Faithful stewardship and accountability (Matthew 25:14-30)

3. Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

- Final judgment based on acts of kindness (Matthew 25:31-46)

Chapter 26: Last Supper and Betrayal

1. Plot to Kill Jesus

- Religious leaders seek to arrest Him (Matthew 26:1-5)

2. Anointing at Bethany

- A woman anoints Jesus with expensive perfume (Matthew 26:6-13)

3. Last Supper

- Institution of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17-29)

4. Gethsemane

- Jesus prays in anguish before His arrest (Matthew 26:36-46)

5. Betrayal by Judas

- Judas identifies Jesus with a kiss (Matthew 26:47-56)

6. Jesus Before Pilate

- Denials and condemnation (Matthew 26:57-68)

7. Peter's Denial

- Peter denies knowing Jesus three times (Matthew 26:69-75)

Chapter 27: Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

1. Trial Before Pilate

- Jesus is sentenced to crucifixion (Matthew 27:11-26)

2. Mocking and Scourging

- Soldiers mock Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31)

3. Crucifixion

- Jesus is crucified between two thieves (Matthew 27:32-44)

4. Death and Burial

- Jesus dies, and Joseph of Arimathea buries Him (Matthew 27:45-66)

5. Guarding the Tomb

- Guards are posted and the tomb is sealed (Matthew 27:62-66)

Chapter 28: Resurrection and the Great Commission

1. Resurrection

- Women discover the empty tomb; angelic announcement (Matthew 28:1-10)

2. Jesus Appears to the Women and Disciples

- Jesus reassures and commissions them (Matthew 28:9-20)

3. The Great Commission

- "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:16-20)
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Additional Enhancements and Key Themes

1. Central Themes

- **Kingdom of Heaven:** Jesus' teachings frequently focus on the principles and values of God's Kingdom.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** Many events in Matthew highlight the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.
- **Discipleship and Obedience:** Emphasis on the cost of following Jesus and living out His teachings authentically.
- **Judgment and Mercy:** Balance between God's justice and His mercy, especially in teachings and parables.

2. Key Characters and Interactions

- **John the Baptist:** Prepares the way for Jesus, emphasizes repentance.
- **Pharisees and Scribes:** Represent religious hypocrisy, frequently challenged by Jesus.
- **Disciples:** Their growth, failures, and eventual commissioning are central to the narrative.
- **Women Followers:** Highlighted for their faith and role in the resurrection story.