



MATTHEW 1:1–17

“What an extraordinary book Matthew is! It is the first of the Gospels, the longest, the most Jewish, and most evangelistic, and, in many ways, the most compelling. Nowhere does the Gospel name its author, but it has been ascribed to Matthew from the earliest days of church history, and for the first three or four centuries, it was the most highly regarded and most often quoted Gospel of the four. To some people, now as well as then, Matthew is the most important book ever written!” (James Montgomery Boice, *The Gospel of Matthew*)

Introduction

- The oldest manuscripts of the first gospel contain the title, “*kata matthaion*,” which means “according to _____.”
- Matthew was also known as _____ (Mark 2:14, Luke 3:24, 5:27-32). He was a Jewish man who worked as a Roman tax collector, which means he was likely educated, literate, and trilingual.
- Matthew was one of the twelve _____, and he was an avid reader of the Old Testament (Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16, Acts 1:13 ... Matthew 1:22, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 3:15, 4:14, 5:17, 8:17, 12:17, 13:35, 13:48, 21:4, 23:32, 26:54, 26:56).

- Matthew's gospel alternates between narrative (_____) and discourse (_____), with the infancy story at the beginning and the resurrection story at the end.

The Big Idea

- Jesus is the _____ .
 - *Christos*, Christ
 - *Mashiach*, Messiah
 - "Anointed One"

The Christ

- The Christ is the son of _____ (Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-20, 17:1-14).
- The Christ is the son of _____ (2 Samuel 7:1-17).
- The Christ is the Son of _____ (Psalm 2:1-12).
- The Christ is the anointed _____, _____, and _____.
- The Christ was always "Plan _____," not "Plan _____."
- The Christ came from and for _____.

Application

- Have I _____ my sin to God (Romans 3:23)?
- Do I _____ the truth about Jesus the Christ (Philippians 3:8)?
- Do I _____ to Jesus the anointed Prophet (Hebrews 1:1-2)?
- Do I _____ in Jesus the anointed High Priest (Hebrews 10:11-14)?
- Do I _____ to Jesus the anointed King of Kings (Revelation 1:4-6)?
- Am I eagerly _____ for Christ's return (Hebrews 9:27-28)?