

Matthew: Behold Your King
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Matthew 16:15-18

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Bible not collection of stories but one story with one theme (God's plan of redemption) and **one main character** from **Genesis to Revelations: Jesus Christ**.

- **Goal of Route 66 to focus on the Story of Redemption (Gospel) and Jesus Christ in every book**, including New Testament.
 - Jesus Christ is **eternal King**, and we are His **chosen subjects and friends**.

Matthew is fittingly the connecting link between Old Testament and New Testament because it was **written to Jews to prove Jesus is their promised Messiah and King**. Matthew 5:17

- **Matthew quotes Old Testament more than any other Gospel writer...more than 60 times.**
- **No effort to explain Jewish customs**, assumed reader already understood.

Matthew written around **55-65 AD ...probably most widely read book of Bible**.
Matthew 9:9, 10:3

- **Matthew means "the gift of God" Levi was probably his pre-conversion name.**
 - **One of 12 disciples...Jewish tax collector for Rome, probably rich and hated.**

Matthew Gospel of arrival promised Old Testament King and His kingdom. "Kingdom" said 55 times in Matthew. See outline at the end.

- **Declared a King reverently at his birth, mockingly in death.** Matthew 2:2, 27:37
- **Only in Matthew Jesus' genealogy traced to King David and Abraham**, father of nation of Israel.
 - In Matthew **Jesus referred to as Son of David 10 times...only 6 times in other Gospels.**

Jesus explains "Kingdom of heaven" 32 times nowhere else in any other Gospels.

- **Kingdom universal, invisible, and eternal not reference to a place.** Luke 17:20-21

- **Among them and US because where King Jesus is, there is His kingdom.**

Jews were expecting conquering, liberating, uniting, powerful king.

- **Jesus not King of their expectations but suffering servant described in Isaiah.**

Matthew is **story of Great King shed His royal robes, put on the cloak of a commoner** so commoners be **royal children** of Most High God. 2 Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 1:4-5

- **Matthew challenges us with most crucial and personal question** facing every human being: **“Is Jesus Christ the King of your life?”** Matthew 16:15-18, 4:17
 - **More than outward** (kneel or bow), **submit will and desires** to King Jesus.
 - **Daily living in submission to Kingship** of Jesus.

Giving **willing, joyful obey, honor, reverence** to a **king is foreign to us.**

- **Want a king that fulfills our desires, do what we want Him to do.**
 - By **God’s grace** we must **cast down throne of own ego, self-will, pride** and **replace it with glorious throne of King Jesus.**

As King, Jesus Christ desires and deserves primacy and authority over all aspects of our lives He’s King we are His subjects! Matthew 22:37-39, 6:33, Luke 9:23, 1 Samuel 15:22a

- **No part** of Christians life **should be lived apart** from Jesus’ rule.
 - Time, treasure, talent **not “ours”** but His to **use as He desires.**
 - **His glory** should be our **greatest desire.**
- To **submit to King** Jesus, you must **know** Him as Savior, know His **decrees in Word & then obey by power of indwelling King.** WSC #26

King Jesus sovereign **rules over everything visible and invisible**, material and immaterial, **all creation, beings (Satan and demons), people and kings, times, places, cultures, and kingdoms.**

- **King Jesus commands His CHOSEN subjects to tell world** it’s King has come with **salvation to all who repent.**
 - **They too, like you, can become citizens of greatest kingdom EVER!** Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 2:9-10, John 15:15-16

Outline of Matthew

- 1-2 Jesus is Connected to the Old Testament
- 3-7 Announcing of God’s Kingdom
- 5-7 Sermon on the Mount.... How to Live in God’s Upside-Down Kingdom
- 8-10 Works of the Kingdom
- 11-13 Nature of the Kingdom.... People’s Response to Jesus & His Message
- 14-18 Authority of the Kingdom
- 19-20 The Upside-Down Nature of Jesus’ Kingdom
- 21-25 Clash of 2 Kingdoms...Jesus’ & Israel’s leaders

26-27 Jesus fulfills Old Testament Prophecies of the Suffering Messiah
28 Jesus gives the Great Commission to His disciples