



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

DESCRIPTIVE SHEET

Author

The author of the book is called Matthew (The gospel is named after the person who wrote it). Matthew was one of the disciples of Jesus also known as Levi (**Mt.9 :9; 10 :3 - Mk 2 :14**).

Date

There are two possible views. Some believe that the Gospel of Matthew was written between the years 60 and 80. Others think it was written before the year 70.

Core theme

Matthew presents Jesus as the main King to whom the Old Testament prophecies converged.

Target audience

Matthew wrote to a Jewish audience who was awaiting a King for its deliverance.

Outline of the book

1. Genealogy of the King emphasizing his origin, his birth, and his entry into public ministry. (Chapters 1 – 4)
2. First Discourse of the King on the Kingdom of God. (Chapters 5 - 7)
3. Miracles of authentication of the message of Jesus Christ. (Chapters 8 - 9)
4. Jesus' second discourse on his mission and the sending of the twelve disciples on mission. (Chapters 10 - 12)
5. Jesus' third discourse on the parables, the miracles' stories, and his opponents. (Chapters 13- 17)
6. Jesus' fourth discourse on the attitude of believers, his response to some suggestions made by different categories of people of the crowd, and the account of some miracles. (Chapters 18 - 23)
7. Fifth discourse on the Mount of Olives concerning certain upcoming events, the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and the mission entrusted to the disciples. (Chapters 24 -28)