

An Outline of Matthew

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Introduction (1:1–2:23)

- A. *The record of Jesus' birth (1:1–25)*
 - 1. *Genealogical Record (1:1–17)*
 - 2. *Birth Record (1:18–25)*
 - B. *The visit of the wise men (2:1–12)*
 - C. *The protection of baby Jesus (2:13–18)*
 - D. *The childhood of Jesus (2:19–23)*
- I. About discipleship (chs. 3–7)
- A. Stories (3:1–4:25)
 - 1. The baptism of Jesus (3:1–17)
 - 2. The temptation of Jesus (4:1–11)
 - 3. The withdrawal of Jesus (4:12–17)
 - 4. The early ministry of Jesus (4:18–25)
 - a. Calling four disciples (4:18–22)
 - b. Teaching, proclaiming, and healing in Galilee (4:23–25)
 - B. Sermon: The Sermon on the Mount (5:1–7:29)
 - 1. The setting of the sermon (5:1)
 - 2. The content of the sermon (5:2–7:23)
 - a. The values and rewards of Christ's followers (5:2–12)
 - b. The distinctiveness of Christ's followers (5:13–16)
 - c. The righteousness of Christ's followers (5:17–6:18)
 - 1) Their righteousness fulfills the OT (5:17–20)
 - 2) Their righteousness exceeds the scribes' teaching (5:21–48)
 - a) Teaching on anger (21–26)
 - b) Teaching on lust (27–30)
 - c) Teaching on divorce (31–32)
 - d) Teaching on oaths (33–37)
 - e) Teaching on retaliation (38–42)
 - f) Teaching on love and prayer (43–48)
 - 3) Their righteousness exceeds the Pharisees' practice (6:1–18)
 - a) A general statement about righteousness (1)
 - b) Pharisaical giving (2–4)
 - c) Pharisaical prayer (5–15)
 - d) Pharisaical fasting (16–18)
 - d. The commitments of Christ's followers (6:19–34)
 - 1) Seek heavenly things (19–24)
 - 2) Trust your heavenly Father (25–34)
 - e. The proper judgment of Christ's followers (7:1–6)
 - f. The good Father of Christ's followers (7:7–11)
 - g. The love of Christ's followers (7:12)
 - 3. The conclusion of the sermon (7:13–29)
 - a. Choose the narrow way (13–14)
 - b. Reject false prophets (15–20)
 - c. Do my Father's will (21–23)



- d. Build your house on the Rock (24–29)
- II. About authority (chs. 8–10)
 - A. Stories (8:1–9:38)
 - 1. 1st round of miracle stories (8:1–17)
 - a. Jesus heals a leper (8:1–4).
 - b. Jesus heals a Centurion’s servant (8:5–13).
 - c. Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law and many others (8:14–17).
 - 2. A brief discussion of absolute loyalty to Jesus (8:18–22)
 - 3. 2nd round of miracle stories (8:23–9:8)
 - a. Jesus rebukes the storm (8:23–27).
 - b. Jesus heals two demon-possessed men (8:28–34).
 - c. Jesus heals a paralytic man (9:1–8).
 - 4. A brief discussion about Jesus’s ministry and disciples (9:9–17)
 - 5. 3rd round of miracle stories (9:18–34)
 - a. Jesus heals a ruler’s daughter and a woman (9:18–26).
 - b. Jesus heals two blind men (9:27–31).
 - c. Jesus heals a demon-possessed man (9:32–34).
 - 6. Teaching, proclaiming, and healing in cities and villages (9:35–37)
 - B. Sermon: The Apostles’ Discourse (10:1–42)
 - 1. Preliminary instructions about mission to the Jews (1–15)
 - 2. Forthright explanations about the reality of persecution (16–25)
 - 3. Blunt words about the nature of his message (26–42).
- III. About accepting and rejecting Jesus (chs. 11–13)
 - A. Stories (11:1–12:50)
 - 1. 1st Half (ch. 11)
 - a. Jesus’ way has been prepared (1–15).
 - b. This generation misses it (16–24).
 - c. Those of low estate can come to Jesus (25–30).
 - 2. 2nd Half (ch. 12)
 - a. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and ministers through the Spirit’s power (1–37).
 - 1) Sabbath controversies with the Pharisees (1–14)
 - 2) Spirit empowerment (15–37)
 - a) In fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy (15–21)
 - b) To cast out demons (22–37)
 - b. This generation demands further signs (38–45).
 - c. Those who do His Father’s will are his true family (46–50).
 - B. Sermon: The Kingdom Parables (13:1–58)
 - 1. The setting of the sermon (1–2)
 - 2. The content of the sermon (3–50)
 - a. Parable 1: The Sower (3–23)
 - b. Parable 2: The Weeds (24–30, 36–43)
 - c. Parable 3: The Mustard Seed (31–32)
 - d. Parable 4: The Leaven (33–35)
 - e. Parable 5: The Hidden Treasure (44)
 - f. Parable 6: The Pearl (45–46)
 - g. Parable 7: The Net (47–50)
 - 3. The conclusion of the sermon (51–58)
 - a. The disciples are now trained scribes for the kingdom (51–52).



- b. Nazareth now rejects Jesus' words and works (53–58).
- IV. About conflict and compassion (chs. 14–18)
 - A. Stories (14:1–17:27)
 - 1. Cycle 1: Conflict, Miracle, and Healing (14:1–36)
 - a. Conflict Story – The martyrdom of John the Baptist (1–12)
 - b. Miracle Story – Feeding 5,000 (13–21)
 - c. Miracle Story – Walking on Water (22–33)
 - d. Healing Story – Many healings in Gennesaret (34–36)
 - 2. Cycle 2: Conflict, Healing, and Miracle (15:1–39)
 - a. Conflict Story– Dispute with the Pharisees and scribes (1–20)
 - b. Healing Story – Healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter (21–28)
 - c. Healing Story – Many healings beside the Sea of Galilee (29–31)
 - d. Miracle Story – Feeding 4,000 (32–39)
 - 3. Cycle 3: Conflict, Death Prediction, Miracle, and Healing (16:1–17:27)
 - a. Conflict Story – Dispute with the Pharisees and Sadducees (16:1–12)
 - b. Death Prediction – Jesus speaks with the disciples (16:13–28)
 - c. Miracle Story – The Transfiguration (17:1–13)
 - d. Healing Story – Healing of the boy with a demon (17:14–21)
 - e. Death Prediction – Jesus foretells his death to the disciples (17:22–23)
 - f. Miracle Story – Peter pays taxes with found money (17:24–27)
 - B. Sermon: The Kingdom Priorities Discourse (18:1–35)
 - 1. God's fierce love for his children (1–14)
 - a. Discourse (1–9)
 - b. Parable (10–14)
 - 2. God's tender compassion for his children (15–35)
 - a. Discourse (15–20)
 - b. Parable (21–35)
- V. About judgment (chs. 19–25)
 - A. Stories (19:1–23:39)
 - 1. Stories in Judea beyond the Jordan (19:1–20:19)
 - a. Healings (19:1–2)
 - b. Conflict with the Pharisees about divorce (19:3–12)
 - c. Prayer for the little children (19:13–15)
 - d. Discussion with the rich man (19:16–22)
 - e. Discussion about who is first and last in the kingdom (19:23–20:16)
 - 2. Stories on the way to Jerusalem (20:17–21:11)
 - a. Death prediction (20:17–19)
 - b. Desire for the best seats in the kingdom (20:20–28)
 - c. Healing of two blind men (20:29–34)
 - d. Triumphal entry (21:1–11)
 - 3. Stories in Jerusalem (21:12–23:39)
 - a. Cleansing of the temple (21:12–13)
 - b. Healing of many blind and lame in the temple (21:14–17)
 - c. Cursing & withering of the fig tree (21:18–22)
 - d. Conflict stories (21:23–22:46)
 - 1) With chief priests and elders (21:23–22:14)
 - 2) With Pharisees and Herodians (22:15–22)
 - 3) With Sadducees (22:23–33)



- 4) With a lawyer (22:34–40)
- 5) With Pharisees (22:41–46)
- e. Rebuke stories (23:1–39)
 - 1) Of scribes and Pharisees (1–36)
 - 2) Of Jerusalem (37–39)
- B. Sermon: The Olivet Discourse (24:1–25:46)
 - 1. The introduction of the sermon (24:1–3)
 - 2. The content of the sermon (24:4–25:30)
 - a. Warning about being led astray (24:4–8)
 - b. Warning about persecution (24:9–14)
 - c. Warning about the Abomination of Desolation (24:15–28)
 - d. Warning about the appearance of the Son of Man (24:29–31)
 - e. Warning that the temple’s destruction is near (24:32–35)
 - f. Warning about the suddenness of the end (24:36–25:30)
 - 1) The Son of Man will appear from heaven (24:36–51)
 - 2) Two parables about the end (25:1–30)
 - a) The parable of the virgins (1–13)
 - b) The parable of the talents (14–30)
 - 3. The conclusion of the sermon: Separating the sheep from the goats (25:31–46)

Conclusion (26:1–28:20)

- A. *Preliminary Events of the Passion of Jesus (26:1–56)*
 - 1. *Preparations for death & burial (1–13)*
 - 2. *The payment and identity of the Betrayer (14–25)*
 - 3. *The prediction of the Denier (26–35)*
 - 4. *Praying at Gethsemane (36–46)*
 - 5. *Betrayal (47–56)*
- B. *The Trial of Jesus (26:57–27:26)*
 - 1. *Jesus before the Council (26:57–68)*
 - 2. *Peter denies Jesus (26:69–75)*
 - 3. *Jesus before Pilate (27:1–26)*
- C. *The Death of Jesus (27:27–56)*
- D. *The Burial of Jesus (27:57–66)*
- E. *The Resurrection of Jesus (28:1–10)*
- F. *The Appearance & Commission of Jesus (28:11–20)*

