

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

KEY---FACTS

Author: Matthew, one of Jesus' 12 disciples.

Timeline of key events:

37	B.C—Herod the great begins to rule
6/5	B.C—Jesus is born
5/4	B.C—Jesus' family escapes to Egypt
4	B.C—Herod the great dies
4/3	B.C—Jesus' family returns to Nazareth
6/7	A.D—Jesus visits the Temple as a boy
14	A.D—Tiberius Caesar becomes Emperor
26	A.D—Pontius Pilate appointed as governor
26/27	A.D—Jesus begins his ministry
28	A.D—Jesus chooses the 12 disciples
29	A.D—Jesus feeds 5000
30	A.D—Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension.

Note: Almost all the events in Jesus' life happened in the area that is present- day Israel and Jordan.

Date

Written: Between A.D 60-65

Setting: Matthew was a Jewish tax collector who became one of Jesus' disciples. This Gospel forms the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments because of its emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecies.

Special

Features: Matthew(Levi) connects with Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. Malachi told of a coming messiah, the Son of God. Matthew told of a Messiah who had come. In fact, Matthew quotes the Old Testament 53 times and refers to it another 76 times—more than any other New testament book—in order to prove to his readers that the Jesus he followed was indeed the Messiah foretold by the ancient prophets.

Real-Life Subjects

Covered: CRITICISM—Chapters 7:1-5; 9:10-11; 26:8-11
DISCIPLESHIP—Chapters 10:32-39; 28:18-20
DOUBT—Chapters 14:28-32; 17:19-20; 21:21-22
FAITH—Chapters 9:22; 17:18-20; 21:21
FEAR—Chapters 10:28; 14:25-27; 17:5-7
FORGIVENESS—Chapters 5:43-48; 6:14-15; 18:21-22
HUMILITY—Chapters 5:3; 11:29-30; 23:11-12
MERCY—Chapters 5:7 & 39-44; 25:34-40
MOTIVES—Chapters 6:1-4 & 16-18; 7:15-16
OBEDIENCE—Chapters 5:19; 7:21; 22:37-40
PRIORITIES—Chapters 6:31-34; 8:21-22

REJECTION—Chapters 10:33; 21:42; 26:31
THOUGHTS—Chapters 5:28; 6:22-23; 15:19
WORRY—Chapters 6:25-34; 10:19-20 & 28-31

Key Verses to ponder upon and remember by heart:

Chapter 1, Verse 21
Chapter 3, Verse 11
Chapter 4, Verse 10
Chapter 5, Verse 8 and Verses 13-16
Chapter 6, Verses 14-15 and Verse 21
Chapter 7, Verse 2, Verses 7-8 and Verse 12
Chapter 8, Verse 27
Chapter 10, Verses 32-33
Chapter 11, Verse 28
Chapter 12, Verse 30 and Verses 36-37
Chapter 14, Verse 33
Chapter 18, Verse 3 and Verses 21-22
Chapter 19, Verses 25-26
Chapter 22, Verses 37-39
Chapter 24, Verse 42
Chapter 25, Verses 35-40
Chapter 26, Verse 64
Chapter 28, Verses 19-20