

November 15, 2020
Matthew the Man



Key Scriptures

Mat 5:2-12 NASB He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, (3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(4) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

(5) "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

(6) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

(7) "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

(8) "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

(9) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

(10) "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(11) "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

(12) "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Mat 27:54 NASB Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Mat 28:16-20 NASB But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. (17) When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. (18) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Big Point:

Matthew wrote his Gospel to the Jewish believers after the synagouge split. He wanted to show the believers that Jesus was the Messiah, fulfilled the prophesies and the Law. He was a recapitulation of the story of Moses and the heros of Israel.

Discuss the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) in general and the Beatitudes specifically.

Important points from the message:

- Join the reading plan. Start where we are.
- The Bible has human authors inspired by Holy Spirit to talk specifically to a certain group of people about timeless truths.
- Jesus continues the story of the Bible.
- Prophecy is supposed to bring people to the revelation of the resurrection of Jesus.

Important quote:

- *"How does a good Jewish boy like Jesus set out to be the teacher of Israel and become the founder of the Gentile church?"*
- *"Jesus continues the story of the Bible and our lives continue the story of Jesus."*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- What were some things that jumped out about Matthew?
- Have you experienced a greater hunger for the Bible?
- What about the parallels between the story of Israel and the life of Jesus stood out for you?
- Do you think a person alone could have written the Bible?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Why do you think Holy Spirit wanted Matthew to write his Gospel?
- Would you be able to follow the story if you could not read?
- What aspect of Jesus has been illuminated for you?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text RLCserve to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.
- Join in the reading plan on the Bible app.