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## Study Outline

### Background: Historical & Authorship

Matthew (also known as Levi) was commissioned by Jesus (Matthew 9:9-13) and became one of His closest followers. As a man accustomed to detailed record keeping who also possessed mastery over the languages of his day, Matthew was more than qualified to record the life and ministry of Jesus from an eye witness perspective. His account began circulation as early as 45 A.D. and is viewed by many as being the first gospel written.

**Main Point:** As a Jew, Matthew's account serves as a perfect bridge between the Old and New Testaments. When you take into account that of the Gospel writers Matthew quotes more from the Old Testament, includes extensive genealogical records, and reference more prophecy than anyone else, you can see how his account was written specifically for the nation of Israel. In doing so Matthew presents Jesus, as not only the promised Messiah (*king*), but focuses specifically on the long awaited kingdom. (*"Kingdom" is mentioned 50 times with "Kingdom of Heaven" referenced on 32 occasions.*) In presenting Jesus as the King of the Jews who had come to establish the kingdom of heaven, Matthew's challenge is simple. The religious man desiring to please God needs Christ Jesus, not religious rite.

**Key Verse:** Matthew 4:17, "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'."

## OUTLINE: GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

### ANNOUNCING THE KING

CH 1-2	ROYAL PEDIGREE - HUMBLE BEGINNINGS
CH 3-4	PRONOUNCEMENT & PREPARATION
CH 5-7	SERMON ON THE MOUNT: CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM
CH 8-9	POWER & PERSONALITY OF THE KING
CH 10	CALL, EQUIPPING, & MINISTRY OF HIS FOLLOWERS

### DEFIANCE TOWARDS & RESOLVE OF THE KING

CH 11-12	CHALLENGED BY THE STATUS QUO
CH 13:1-52	COLLECTION OF PARABLE TEACHING: REJECTION OF THE KINGDOM
CH 13:53-14:12	MOUNTING HOSTILITY
CH 14:13-20:34	CONTINUED RESOLVE OF THE KING AND HIS MINISTRY
CH 21:1-11	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF THE KING

### REJECTION OF THE KING

CH 21:12-23:39	CONFLICT WITH & WARNING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
CH 24-25	OLIVET DISCOURSE: PROPHECY CONCERNING THE KINGDOM
CH 26	PLOT AGAINST THE KING
CH 27	SUFFERING AND DEATH OF THE KING

### VICTORY OF THE KING

CH 28:1-8	RESURRECTION OF THE KING
CH 28:9-15	WORSHIP OF THE KING
CH 28:16-20	COMMISSION OF THE KING

