

# Connecting the Dots: Matthew Overview

## Overview:

- Matthew was written to the Jewish audience; Mark to Romans; Luke to Greeks; John to the world
- Matthew – Jesus is King; Mark – Jesus is a servant; Luke – Jesus is a man; John – Jesus is God
- 60% of Matthew is read letter words of Christ

## 1. Hope has come! Jesus our Messiah *Matthew 1-2*

- Son of Abraham and David; OT fulfillment and Immanuel of presence, *Matthew 1:23*
- Genealogy of grace: 4 Women and people with a past
  - Tamar – Jesus Justifies Sinners. *Gen 38:1-30; Ruth 4:12; I Chronicles 2: 3-4*
  - Rahab - Jesus Saves By Faith. *Joshua 2:8-15; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25*
  - Ruth - Jesus Redeems the Outsider. *Ruth 1:16*
  - Bathsheba - Jesus Restores the Broken. *II Samuel 11:1-27, 12:1-25*
  - Mary – Jesus Uses the Humble. *Luke 1:39-56; Luke 2:1-7*

## 2. Wisdom has come! Jesus our Shepherd / Teacher *Matthew 3-25*

Five sections to mirror the Pentateuch; Matthew is the most Jewish Book in the NT

- i. Jesus is the new Moses, out of Egypt, through the water, and up the mountain; fulfilling, not doing away with the law
- ii. Most OT quotes of any NT book
- iii. “Fulfilled” and “written by the prophet” are frequent
- iv. 32x’s “Kingdom of Heaven” ... 0 in the rest of the NT

Each section concludes with “when Jesus finished saying these things.”

*Matthew 7:28, 11:1, 13:53-58, 19:1, and 26:1*

*“The formula carries profound theological weight. Matthew deliberately echoes Pentateuchal language, mirroring phrases like “when Moses finished writing the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 31:24) and “when Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel” (Deuteronomy 32:45). By positioning this Mosaic language at the end of each major discourse—appearing nowhere else in Matthew—the evangelist arranges Jesus’ teaching into five distinct blocks, likely establishing a typology where Jesus functions as a new Moses.”*

1. Chapters 3–7 “when Jesus finished saying these things” *Matthew 7:28-29*

- **Sermon on the Mount** and Beatitudes: how to live

- **Application: Kingdom Character**

2. Chapters 8–10 “when Jesus finished saying these things” *Matthew 11:1-3*

- **Commissioning of the Twelve Disciples** and healings

(3 miracles/Follow me/3 miracles/Follow me/3 miracles/Then sending)

- **Application: Kingdom Expansion**

3. Chapters 11–13 “when Jesus finished saying these things” *Matthew 13:53-58*

- **Kingdom Parables** and teaching

- **Application: Kingdom Mystery**

4. Chapters 13:53–18:35 “when Jesus finished saying these things” *Matthew 19:1-2*

- **Ecclesiastical Expectations** (Church Life)

- **Application: Kingdom Community**

5. Chapters 19–25: “when Jesus finished saying these things” *Matthew 26:1-4*

- **Olivette Discourse**: Opposition and end times

- **Application: Kingdom Consummation**

## 3. Life has come! Jesus our Victory *Matthew 26–28*

- The Cross, The Empty Tomb... The Great Commission

3 Applications from our Matthew Study:

- Lord, help me be quick to lift Jesus higher and humble myself lower.
- Lord, grant me the strength to walk in your teaching no matter the opposition.
- Lord, open my eyes daily to see eternally.