

# Chapter 22: Matthew

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# Prologue

- Focus: Jesus as the Messiah to fulfill God's prophecies within the Hebrew Bible
  - Christian typology: how elements of Hebrew Scriptures are utilized in Christian Scriptures
- Predominantly focuses on the church and Jesus' teachings
- Messiah: the Jewish concept of a savior/liberator
  - Primarily written for Jewish followers



<https://aleteia.org/2018/10/10/the-six-oldest-images-of-jesus/>



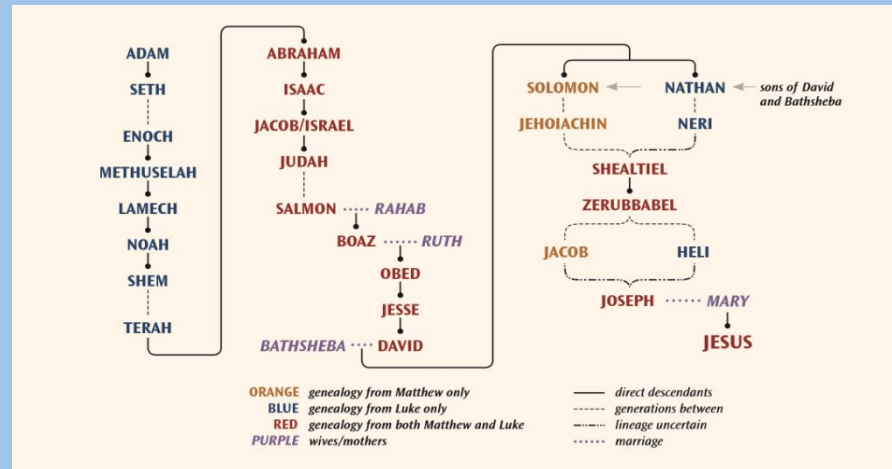
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depiction\\_of\\_Jesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depiction_of_Jesus)



<https://mikefrost.net/picturing-jesus-part-i-why-is-jesus-holding-a-wand/>

# Lineage

- Begins by introducing Jesus as “the son of David, the son of Abraham,” then describes his lineage in Matt. 1:2-6
- Literary tension between the narrative for Jewish followers and understanding that Jesus is the savior of all
- Importance of genealogy and references to Gentile/Gentile-related women



# Birth of Jesus

- Infancy narrative: story of a birth (i.e. Jesus' birth)
  - Told in the perspective of Joseph
- Mary (unwed virgin) becomes pregnant -> Joseph decides to let her go quietly -> an angel tells him about Jesus the Messiah -> birth of Christ
- Fulfillment citation: typology in NT that shows the fulfillment of OT prophecies
  - Isaiah 7:14 – predicts a pregnant virgin
    - Virgin birth (Christian typology)



<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/st-joseph-in-art-the-ultimate-multi-tasker/>



<https://www.churchpop.com/8-of-the-oldest-images-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

# Birth of Jesus (Cont.)

- Magi/Three Wise Men
  - First people to honor Jesus are Gentiles
- The men tell King Herod about new king (aka Jesus)
  - Seeks the death of Jesus -> “slaughter of the innocents” -> Joseph dreams about a warning to escape to Egypt -> remain there until Herod dies -> Nazareth (Galilee)
- Allusion to Moses
  - Jesus as a mirror of Moses; “new Moses”

# The Sermon on the Mount



<https://www.rainbowtoken.com/Sermon-on-the-Mount-The-Beatitudes.html>

- 5 books of Torah = 5 Major Discourses
  - 1) Sermon on the Mount
  - 2) Missionary Discourse
  - 3) Parable Discourse
  - 4) Church Order Discourse
  - 5) Discourse on the End Times
- Moses & 10 Commandments = Jesus & Sermon on the Mount
- First section is called “beatitudes” (aka “happiness” or “blessedness”)
  - Follows with 2 metaphors (salt and light)

# Guidelines for Worship

- Second section of Sermon on the Mount
  - Focus on prayer and the Golden Rule
- Sermon concludes with Jesus warning and advising his followers with a parable
  - “House on sand” (Matt. 7:24-26)



<https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/lords-prayer-meaning>



<https://catholicpictures.com/products/the-lords-prayer-catholic-prints-pictures>

# The Missionary Discourse

The book highlights how Jesus commands his disciples to set out on missionary journeys throughout all lands.

Chapter 10 of Matthew describes the specific instructions the disciples are given, the book also points out that many contemporary missionaries still apply Jesus instructions.

“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics , or sandals, or staff, for laborers deserve their food” (Matthew 10:8-10).

Jesus also warns his disciples of the rejection and persecution they will face as his followers. However, he encourages them by reminding them that God would look after them.



# The Disciple Peter

- After Peter declares his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Peter is blessed by Jesus.
- Matthew 16:17-19 has inspired the Roman Catholics to establish the Pope who they regard as the successor of Peter.
- However, other believers have interpreted Christ's response to Peter to hold a symbolic meaning.



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# Church Disciple

The book highlights how in chapter 18 of Matthew, Jesus provides instructions on how the church should maintain order.

1. Jesus states that children are considered to be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 18:4). Many believe this is because children demonstrate the most humble and sincere obedience—qualities that adults should adopt.
2. Jesus gives rules on how to handle offenses amongst members.
3. Jesus affirms his presence amongst believers, “whether two or three are gathered in my name , there I am in the midst of them (Matt 18:20)

# Jesus Emphasis on Forgiveness

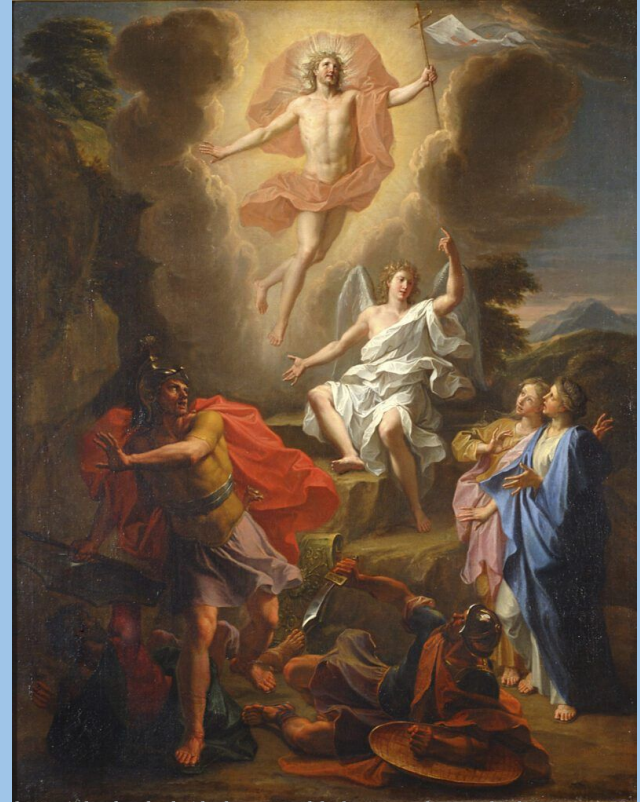


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- Peter asks Jesus “how many times should I forgive my neighbor? Up to seven times?” To which Jesus responds “seven times seventy” (Matt 18:21).
- Jesus goes on to illustrate his message of mercy and forgiveness through his parable of *The Merciful Servant* (Matt 18:23-35).
- This parable draws attention to the mercy and forgiveness God has shown the world, and illustrates how believers must also forgive just as they have been.

# The Resurrection

- The text begins by noting that Matthew 28 holds many differences compared to the other gospels
- Matthew chapter 28 Details:
  - The earthquake after Jesus' death
  - The angel who rids the stone from Jesus' tomb
  - The description of soldiers paralyzed with fear
  - The women who encountered the angel
  - The women's meeting with Jesus

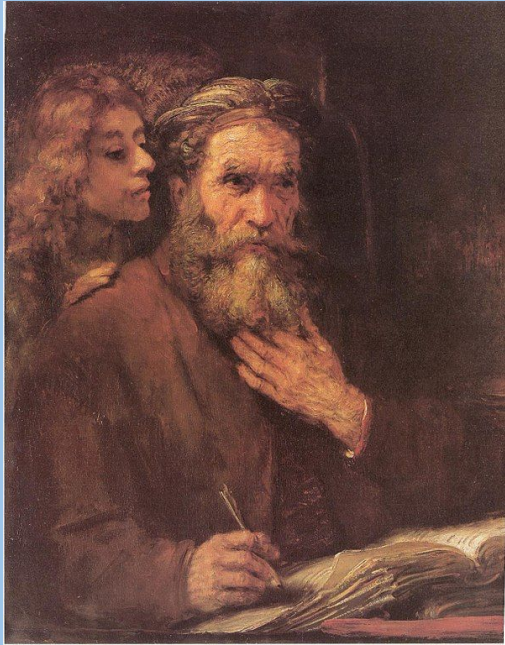


# Matthew Chapter 28

- Jesus' farewell to his disciples exhibit the origin of the missionary practices within Christianity.
- Jesus instructs his disciples to go out and share the good news with all people.
- This moment also conveys the foundational doctrine of Christianity which respects the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The gospel according to Matthew ends with a reassurance from Jesus who promises to be with his disciples always, "even until the end of times" (Matt 28:20).

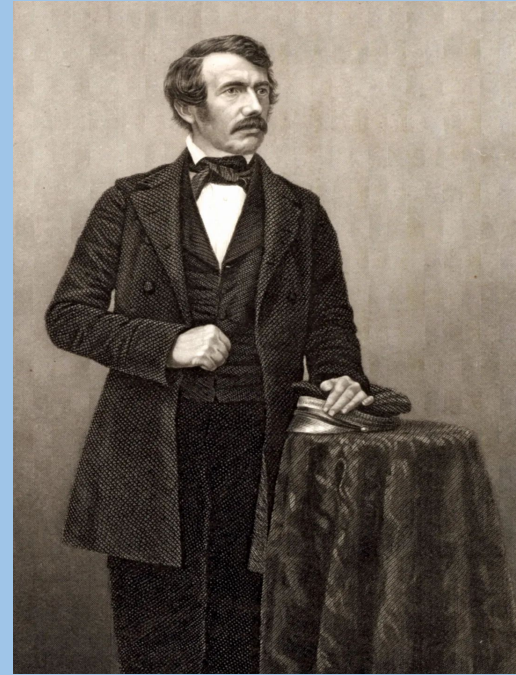
# Influence

## Saint Matthew and the Angel



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## Dr. David Livingstone



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