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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

PART I (Chapters 1-14)

AUTHORSHIP:

The early church fathers attributed the authorship of the first of the four gospels to Matthew, one of the twelve apostles. (Mk. 3:18; Acts 1:2,3) Matthew, chapter nine, verses nine through thirteen, gives a description of this former tax collector's call to discipleship. As with others of the "Twelve" it appears that he left his position and livelihood immediately and began to follow Jesus. There is no mention in scripture that he ever attempted to return to his previous occupation as did Peter. (John 21:3)

The name Matthew in Hebrew means gift of Jehovah. He is also mentioned in the New Testament by his other Hebrew name, Levi. (Mk. 2:14; Lk. 5:27,29)

THE GOSPEL:

It has been said that the gospel according to Matthew bridges the Old and New Testament. Matthew's declaration that the Old Testament scriptures were fulfilled by Jesus no doubt was intended to influence and convince the Jews that Jesus, in fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies, was indeed their Messiah.

1. Matthew's knowledge of the scriptures is evidenced by the many times he quotes the Old Testament. From the following Old Testament references, choose the one that most clearly prophesies the coming Messiah: Mt. 1:23 (Isa. 7:14), Mt. 2:6 (Mic. 5:2), Mt. 2:15 (Hos. 11:1), Mt. 2:18 (Jer. 31:15), Mt. 3:3 (Isa. 40:3), Mt. 4:15 (Isa. 9:1,2), Mt. 12:18-21 (Isa. 42:1-4), Mt. 13:35 (Psm. 78:2), Mt. 21:5 (Isa. 62:11; Zec. 9:9), Mt. 26:56 (Psm. 31:11; Zec. 13:7) _____

Further evidence of Matthew's appeal to the Jews is found in his gospel by the many references to the Messianic Kingdom as he uses the term "Kingdom of Heaven" which occurs thirty three times in the text. Introduced by John the Baptist (3:1,2), and later declared by Jesus in His preaching and teaching (4:17), the existence of a spiritual kingdom was new to many if not most of the Jewish hearers. The concept of entering into a physical kingdom by their ancestry through the blood line of Abraham was no doubt easier to comprehend than entrance into a spiritual kingdom through faith alone. Matthew's gospel is filled with parables and illustrations of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God, or as the Amplified New Testament puts it: "His (God's) way of doing" (Mt. 6:33). The reader will discover that the "spiritual" kingdom was constantly breaking through into the natural world, evidenced by the countless miracles and healings by Jesus.

Matthew opens his account of the gospel in Matt. 1:1 by using the title, the "Book of the Generation (ancestry, genealogy) of Jesus Christ". However, this title only refers to the first 17 verses and not the entire gospel. Matthew in his writing emphasizes the call to repentance, as well as the obedience of faith once repentance has taken place.

It is interesting to note that 10 of the parables mentioned in Matthew are not found in the other gospels. These parables are as follows: 1. tares, 2. hidden treasure, 3. dragnet, 4. pearl of great price, 5. the unmerciful servant, 6. laborers in the vineyard, 7. two sons, 8. the marriage of the king's son, 9. the 10 virgins, 10. the talents.

OUTLINE:

A simple division of the gospel according to Matthew is as follows:

- I. Genealogy, Background and Preparation Matt. 1:1-4:11
- II. Jesus' Galilean Ministry Matt. 4:12-18:35
- III. Ministry in Judea and the Final Days Matt. 19:1-28:20

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

The genealogy of Jesus Christ is recorded in chapter 1. There are several names that many might classify as undesirables, but God in His great mercy uses all who put their trust in Him and walk with Him by faith.

2. Read Gen. 38:1-26 and then answer the following question. Who was the father of Tamar's (Thamar) child? _____
3. God had instructed His people not to intermarry with the women of neighboring nations (Deut. 7:1-3). What was the national origin of Ruth, the great grandmother of King David? Ruth 1:4

4. Bathsheba, David's wife and the mother of Solomon, is not mentioned by name in the genealogy list. How is she mentioned? Mt. 1:6 _____
5. What terrible thing did King Uzziah do? II Chron. 26:18 _____
6. What was the condition of King Uzziah from that day to the day of his death? II Chron. 26:21

7. What kind of king was Manasseh? II Chron. 33:9 _____
8. What did King Manasseh do after he had been taken captive? II Chron. 33:12 _____

Although most in the list would be considered righteous, others would not. This causes us to remember the word of God that declares: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "It is by grace we are saved" (Eph. 2:8). Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS

After Matthew has traced the blood line from Abraham to Joseph, he makes it clear just how Jesus was conceived.

9. How did the conception of Jesus take place? 1:18 (Also see Lk. 1:34,35.) _____

In the Jewish culture marriages were arranged by the parents of the couple. After the marriage arrangement, they were then pledged or espoused to each other. Even though the marriage ceremony or physical intimacy had not taken place, they were considered married to each other. This was Mary's situation when she became pregnant.

10. When Joseph her fiance found out, what did he plan to do? 1:19 _____
11. What did he finally do, and why? vv. 20-24 _____ the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, _____

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who came looking for Jesus, and where did they look? v. 1 _____

2. What question did they ask the king? v. 2 _____

3. How did King Herod find the answer to their question? v. 4 _____

4. Where did they say He was to be born, and how did they know this? vv. 5,6, Micah 5:2 _____

5. In what way did King Herod try to deceive the wise men? v. 8 _____

We have no way of knowing exactly how old Jesus was when the wise men arrived. However, in light of Herod's command (Mt. 2:16), He may have been close to two years old.

6. Why did the wise men not return to King Herod as they were instructed to do? v. 12 _____

7. Joseph, Mary's husband, also received instructions concerning Jesus. What were the instructions, and how did they come to him? v. 13 _____

It is interesting to note that God had used the wise men and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to provide for the physical needs of Jesus' family for their trip even before they needed it.

8. How did Joseph know when to return? v. 19 _____
9. What circumstances had changed to make it safe for Jesus' family to return to Israel? v. 20 _____

10. To what city did Joseph take his family, and for what reason? vv. 21-23 _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What family relationship did Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, have with Mary, the mother of Jesus? Luke 1:30-38 _____
2. What was the essence of the message that John the Baptist preached? 3:2 _____

3. What was the message that Jesus proclaimed when He began preaching? Mt. 4:17 _____

The word repent to the New Testament hearer was not associated with as much religious tradition as it is today. To them, as it should be with contemporary hearers of the gospel, it was a change of

mental attitude, which in turn brought about a change of behavior. Those who repented, "turned from" their downward direction, away from God, and into spiritual death and sin; they changed their attitudes (their way of thinking) and "turned" their lives upward towards God and life!

4. What was the reason that John the Baptist and Jesus gave when calling the people to repent? Mt. 3:2; 4:17 _____
5. What had to be present in the lives of the people before they were baptized by John the Baptist? 3:6,8 _____
6. Where was John the Baptist baptizing the people? v. 6 _____
7. What type of baptism was the baptism of John the Baptist? v. 11 _____
8. What type of baptism did John say that Jesus (the One coming after him) would perform? v. 11 _____
9. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the heavens opened; then what happened? _____

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil? v. 1 _____
2. What was Jesus' condition after fasting 40 days and 40 nights? _____
3. Our tempter, Satan, does not come to us when we are strong, but when we are the weakest. Read I Corinthians 10:13 and then list in your own words, the promises that God gives His children in this verse. _____

4. Briefly describe the three temptations presented to Jesus by the devil.
v. 3 _____

vv. 5,6 _____

vv. 8,9 _____

5. What are the three areas of weakness that are present in all people? I John 2:16
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

6. What three identical responses did Jesus give Satan each time He was tempted? vv. 4,7,10 _____

Jesus did not use His own thoughts or ideas to stand against Satan; instead He referred to the scriptures.

7. Believers in Christ should not battle Satan with the mind but with the Word of God. What does James 4:7 say that we should do when we are tempted by the devil? _____

Read Matthew 4:18-21 then complete the next two questions.

8. List the names and occupation of the disciples mentioned in these verses. _____

9. When Jesus called these four men to follow Him, how long did they wait before following Jesus and what did they leave behind? _____

10. List the names of the 12 disciples. Mt. 10:2-4 _____

11. Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching and preaching. What else did He do for the people? vv. 23-25 _____

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - CHAPTERS 5, 6 AND 7

1. Read these three chapters in one sitting, in more than one version of the Bible, then place an X in the box **only after** you have completed reading them. []

2. Before Jesus began His "Sermon on the Mount", who was it that came to Him? 5:1 _____

3. The verses which begin with the word "blessed" (happy and content) are called the "Beatitudes." List briefly the nine beatitudes.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

Jesus seems to indicate that they are blessed because they will each receive their reward.

4. What does Jesus call His followers in 5:13,14? _____

5. When one wants to offer a gift to God and remembers that a brother has something against him, what must he do first before offering the gift? 5:24 _____

6. Who does Jesus say commits adultery? 5:28,32 _____

7. In 5:39 Jesus indicates that we are not to resist a person who wants to do us evil. He gives three illustrations describing the truth. What are they? 5:39-41
 - a. If he strikes you, _____
 - b. If he takes away your coat (tunic), _____
 - c. If you are compelled to go one mile, _____
8. As Christians, followers of Jesus, how are we to treat our enemies and those who persecute us? 5:44 _____
9. If one gives alms (does good deeds) publicly just to be seen by others, what happens to his reward? 6:1 _____
10. What does Jesus call those who like to pray publicly in a public place just to be seen by others? 6:5 _____
11. In what manner should the Christian pray, and if he prays correctly, what will be the result? 6:6

12. In your own words, explain what is meant by praying with vain repetitions. _____

13. Why is it not necessary to pray with a lot of words like the heathen and pagans? 6:8 _____

14. Why is it essential for us to forgive others when they sin against us? 6:14,15 _____

Jesus gives instructions concerning fasting in Matthew 6:16-18. Notice that He does not say **if you fast but when you fast**. Jesus expected His followers to fast and for this reason gave instructions about it. The following are just a few references from the Bible about the subject of fasting: II Sam. 12:15-22; II Chron. 20:3; Ezra 8:21; Esther 4:16; Isa. 58:3-6; Joel 1:14,15; Jonah 3:5; Mark 2:18-20; Matt. 17:19-21; II Cor. 11:27.

15. After you have looked up **and read** each of the above references concerning fasting, choose the verse that has special meaning to you and write it here. _____

16. In Matt. 6:19-21 Jesus teaches about the correct values and goals that we, as His followers, must have. This is important because Jesus tells us that the things we treasure have great influence upon us. If our treasure is in heaven, where will our heart be? _____
17. What will happen to the individual who tries to serve two masters (God and money)? 6:24 _____
- _____
- _____

In Matt. 6:25-34 Jesus describes the correct attitude that His followers should maintain concerning their relationship with the world in which we live.

18. The Lord knows that we need material things to live in this world, but what must we seek first? 6:33 _____
- _____
19. What same phrase does Jesus use in verses 25, 31 and 34 to relate what our attitude should be concerning this temporal life? _____
20. Why must we not judge others? 7:1,2 _____
- _____

We must always remember that the heavenly Father loves His children and will provide for us if we lay our petitions before Him.

21. What three ways should we present our petitions? 7:7 _____
22. What three things will happen if we present our petitions in these ways? 7:8 _____
- _____

Read Matthew 7:13 and 14 and then answer the next two questions.

23. Where does the strait or narrow gate lead, and how many find it? _____
- _____
24. Where does the wide gate lead and how many enter and go through it? _____
- _____
25. How can God's people tell if prophets are true or are inwardly like wolves? 7:16 _____
- _____
26. Jesus states that just because we say Lord, Lord, does not mean that we shall into enter the kingdom of heaven. Who will enter? 7:21 _____
- _____

In 7:24-27 Jesus speaks of two men who built houses, and one was wise and one was foolish. Both of them heard the words of Jesus but responded differently.

27. What did the wise man do with the words of Jesus, and where did he build his house? _____
- _____
- _____
28. What did the foolish man do with the words of Jesus, and where did he build his house? _____
- _____
- _____

29. What was the final condition of each of the houses after the storm came? _____

CHAPTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. In chapter 8, four individual healings took place in the ministry of Jesus. List them in the order that they appear in the chapter. a. _____
b. _____ c. _____
d. _____
2. What caused Jesus to marvel? vv. 5-13 _____

3. Many that were possessed with demon spirits were brought to Jesus. (8:16) What did Jesus use to cast out the evil spirits? _____
4. What did Jesus do with all the sick who were brought to Him? _____
5. In verse 17 Matthew refers to the prophet Isaiah to explain that Jesus, by healing the sick, was fulfilling prophecy. Who was it that took up our infirmities, and bore or carried our sicknesses and diseases? _____
6. Read Isaiah 53:4,5 and then write out these verses **in your own words**. _____

7. When a scribe or teacher came to Jesus, stating that he would follow Jesus, what did Jesus tell him? vv. 19,20 _____

8. When another disciple asked Jesus permission to wait until his aging parent was dead and buried before following Jesus, what did Jesus say to him? vv. 21,22 _____

9. What was Jesus doing during the storm to indicate that He was at peace? v. 24 _____
10. Years later, on the night before his execution, what was Peter doing to indicate that he was at peace? Acts 12:6 _____
11. When the disciples were fearful because of the storm, to whom did they go? v. 25 _____

12. What did Jesus say to the disciples after He was awakened? v. 26 _____

13. What did Jesus do about the storm? _____
14. Why were the disciples so amazed? v. 27 _____

The disciples had seen Jesus heal the sick just by speaking a word; they had seen Him cast out demons with His word, and in the midst of a storm they had witnessed the winds and the waves also obeying His word! What a mighty God is the Lord Jesus! No wonder they were amazed. It appears that they did not completely realize who was in the boat with them when the storm arose.

15. All believers need to remember who is with them even in the midst of the storms of life. What promise is given to us by the Lord Jesus? Heb. 13:5? _____

16. What was the attitude of the Gergesenes (Gadarenes) after Jesus had cast the demons out of the men and allowed the evil spirits to go into the herd of pigs? v. 34 _____

CHAPTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did Jesus tell the man with palsy (the paralytic)? v. 2 _____

2. How did the scribes (teachers of the law) respond to the statement by Jesus? vv.2,3 _____

3. What did Jesus do to prove that He had authority to forgive sins? v. 6 that ye may know that the Son of man

4. What did Jesus say to Matthew, a tax collector (publican) when he saw him at the receipt of custom (tax collector's booth)? v. 9 _____
5. How did Matthew respond to Jesus' words? _____
6. What did Jesus say to those who criticized Him for eating with publicans and sinners? vv. 12,13

7. What two things did Jesus describe to illustrate the spiritual truth that the new spiritual kingdom would not fit into their old religious traditions? vv. 16,17 _____

8. Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue (Mk. 5:22), sought out Jesus to raise his daughter from the dead. What did he say that would indicate that he had faith in Jesus the Messiah? v. 18 _____

9. What did the woman who had an issue of blood do when she got close to Jesus? v. 20 _____

10. What had she said within herself that expressed her faith in Jesus? v. 21 _____

11. What did Jesus say it was that had healed her? v. 22 _____
12. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' house, what did He say was the condition of the young girl? v. 24

13. In what way did the people express their unbelief? v. 24 _____
14. What did Jesus do before He raised the girl from the dead? v. 25 _____

Even though we go to Jesus to meet our needs, we must have a trusting, living faith in our God as did the individuals mentioned in chapter nine who received their healing.

15. Why did Jesus not do mighty works (miracles) in Nazareth? Mt. 13:58 _____

16. What is necessary for our faith to continue and grow? Rom. 10:17 _____

17. What did Jesus ask the two blind men who came to Him for healing? v. 28 _____

In each of the healings mentioned in this chapter, faith and trust in the person of Jesus is paramount. It is not by trusting in a religious system of works and human effort, but by trusting in Jesus who is filled with love and mercy for people.

18. As Jesus went about all the towns and villages, what three things was He doing? v. 35
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
19. What was Jesus' response when He saw the multitudes? v. 36 _____

20. What did Jesus say was the condition of the fields of harvest in John 4:35? _____

21. What was Jesus' instruction to His followers when He saw the tremendous need of ministering to so many people? vv. 37,38 _____

CHAPTER 10 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. After Jesus had seen the need for workers going into the harvest, what did He do with His disciples? v. 1 _____

2. What were the 12 disciples to do as they were sent forth by Jesus? vv. 7,8 _____

 3. To what did Jesus compare the judgment that would befall a city that refused to receive the ministry of the 12 disciples? vv. 12-15 _____

 4. What did Jesus tell His disciples that would indicate that there would be hardships for them as they went forth into the harvest? vv. 16,17 _____

 5. What did Jesus tell them about speaking up to defend themselves; who would be helping them? vv. 18-20 Write your answer in your own words. _____

 6. Jesus indicated that His followers should beware (watch out) for men, but He did not say that man should be feared. Who does the Bible say we should fear (be afraid of)? v. 28 _____

 7. After this very sharp warning given in verse 28, what words of comfort (verses 29-31) does Jesus give in verse 31? _____

 8. What does Jesus say He will do concerning those who confess or acknowledge Him and deny or disown Him before men? vv. 32,33 _____

- In verses 34-37 Jesus emphasizes that a man's own family may oppose his becoming a follower of Jesus. Our loyalty must first be to Jesus Christ in order for us to be worthy of Him.
9. What must all followers of Jesus do to be considered worthy of Him? v. 38 _____

 10. Why is it important for us not to seek to hold on to temporal things, even to life itself? v. 39 _____

 11. Who is received by those receiving Jesus' disciples? v. 40 _____
 12. What must we do to receive a prophet's reward? v. 41 _____

13. In verse 42, who will receive a reward? _____

CHAPTER 11 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What question did John the Baptist's disciples ask Jesus? v. 3 _____

2. What things did Jesus say that the disciples of John the Baptist should show (report) to John as proof of who Jesus was? v. 5 a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

d. _____ e. _____

f. _____

3. What does Jesus say about John the Baptist concerning his position in the kingdom of heaven? v. 11 _____

The prophet Malachi prophesied (Mal. 4:5) that God would send to Israel the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Israel was looking for Elijah to come before the Messiah.

4. In referring to John the Baptist, who did Jesus say he was? v. 14 _____

5. Why did Jesus denounce (upbraid) the cities where He had performed most of His mighty works? v. 20 _____

6. Who did Jesus say should come to Him? v. 28 _____

7. If people will come to Jesus, what will He do for them? v. 28 _____

8. What must we do to find rest for our souls? v. 29 _____

9. Read verse 30 and write out a description of the yoke and burden we receive from Jesus. _____

CHAPTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Most of the Jewish leaders, the Pharisees, were always criticizing Jesus for going against their laws of the Sabbath and the temple.

1. Who was Jesus referring to when He said: "That in this place is one greater than the temple"? vv. 6,8 _____

Often Jesus healed people on the Jewish sabbath to illustrate to the people the true spirit of the law rather than the letter of the law, especially the law and traditions of men.

2. What does the Bible say we should do concerning the traditions of men? Col. 2:8 _____

3. What did Jesus say that always keeping the tradition of men caused people to do? Mt. 15:3 _____

4. The long suffering and mercy of God toward His people while there is still a little life and hope in them is illustrated in Matt. 12:20. What will the Lord not do to a bruised reed and smoking flax (wick)? _____

5. What power did the Pharisees say that Jesus used to cast out demons? v. 24 _____

6. What did Jesus say was evidence that the kingdom of God had arrived? v. 28 _____

7. What did Jesus say about the one who is not with Him, and did not gather with Him? v. 30 _____

8. Jesus explained how we can know a tree (and also people). How can we know what they are like? v. 33 _____
9. What did Jesus call the Pharisees in verse 34? _____
10. What will either justify or condemn people? v. 37 _____
11. What did Jesus say would be the only sign the evil (wicked) generation would receive? v. 39 _____

12. What is the explanation of this sign? v. 40 _____

13. Who was Jesus referring to when He said: "A greater than Solomon is here"? v. 42 _____

14. In verse 48 Jesus asked the question "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?". Who did He say they were in verse 50? _____

CHAPTER 13 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

This chapter begins with the parable of the sower. Some have said it should be called the parable of the soils because it deals with four different kinds of soil that were sown with the seed.

1. What are the four different kinds of soil mentioned in this parable? vv. 3-8
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

Later in the chapter (vv. 18-23) Jesus gives an explanation of the meaning of the parable of the soils.

2. List again the four types of soil and then give a broader explanation in your own words of the soil and how it received the seed. vv. 18-23

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

In the remaining verses of chapter 13, Jesus related seven other parables about the kingdom of heaven. List each of them with their verse (s) references.

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

Jesus then went into His own country and began teaching in the synagogue.

10. How was Jesus received in His hometown? v. 57 _____

11. What was Jesus' response to this reception? v. 57 _____

12. What was the result of Jesus' reception in His hometown? v. 58 _____

CHAPTER 14 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Herod was fearful when he heard about the mighty works of Jesus.

1. Who did Herod think that Jesus was? v. 2 _____

The king (Herod) had previously put John the Baptist in prison (see Mt. 11:2-6) because he was under conviction on account of the preaching of John.

2. What had John the Baptist said that Herod didn't like? vv. 3,4 _____

3. What did Herod want to do and why didn't he do it? v. 5 _____

4. Who else no doubt was under heavy conviction and was angry with John the Baptist, and what did this person do? vv. 6-8 _____

5. What was Herod's attitude after this request had been given him, and what did he do about it, and why? vv. 9-11 _____

Men are not convicted by the Spirit of God so that they will become angry with the Lord, but so that they will repent (turn from their sin) and turn to God for forgiveness and salvation. Sin is a terrible thing which keeps men in bondage. It appears that Herod was so bound by his pride that he wouldn't spare John's life because he was too concerned about what people might say and think of him even though he knew the right thing to do.

6. When Jesus saw the multitude of people, what emotion motivated Him and what did He do about it? v. 14 _____

7. When the disciples wanted to send the people away so they could buy food, what did Jesus say to them? v. 16 _____

8. Describe in your own words what Jesus did with the five loaves and two fish. vv. 17-21 _____

9. After everyone had eaten to their fill, how much was left over? v. 20 _____

What a miracle! After feeding 5000 men plus the women and children, there were baskets full left over. All of this starting with only five loaves and two fish! There were those in the multitude who didn't know where the food came from. This lesson of God's provision was primarily for the benefit of the twelve disciples. Remembering this experience, how can we doubt that the Lord will always provide for us?

10. What other example have we already seen in the study of Matthew (6:25-34) that supports this reality of divine provision? 6:33 _____

11. While the disciples were in a ship on the Sea of Galilee during a storm, who came to them and in what manner? vv. 22-25 _____

12. What was Peter's response to this experience? vv. 28,29 _____

13. After Peter and Jesus were back in the ship, what did Jesus say to him? v. 31 _____

14. What is the key to having our prayers answered? Mt. 21:22 _____

15. After the wind had stopped and Jesus was in the ship with them, what did the disciples say about Jesus, and what did they do? v. 33 _____

16. Who was brought to Jesus and why? v. 35 _____

17. What happened to these people who came to Jesus? v. 36 _____

In his gospel, Matthew recorded the countless healings and miracles of Jesus. It is evident from this gospel that God is a merciful God, filled with love and compassion, meeting not only the spiritual needs of His people but also meeting physical needs as well. This is lucidly illustrated in chapter 14 as Jesus fed the 5000 and healed the multitudes of their sicknesses and diseases.

This concludes Part I of the study of the gospel according to Matthew. Part II is a continuation of this study and should be completed in sequence. You are encouraged to begin Part II as soon as possible in order to maintain the proper flow of study.

I have answered all the questions to the best of my ability.

Name _____

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