

Evenings: Matthew

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Matthew 8.1–17

Intro: A man like no other!

A response of awe: 7.28-29; 8.27; 9.8; 9.33

1. Jesus: the one man health service

- leprosy
- paralysis
- life-threatening fever

2. Jesus: God's eternal servant king

Isaiah	Message	Key Figure
1–6	Introduction: Present reality & future hope	
7–39	Trust in God for He alone is LORD – wait for Him!	The Davidic King
40–55	Trust in God for He alone can save – come to Him!	The Suffering Servant
56–66	Trust in God for He alone can transform – serve Him!	The Divine Warrior

cf. Isaiah 9.6-7; 35.5; 53.4-6

3. Jesus: the hope of the nations

cf. Matthew 1.1, 5; 2.1-11; 28.18-20

Conclusion

Matthew 8.18–34

Intro: Staggering claims & profound claims

1. The Cost of following, verses 18-22

i) 'Mr Too-much-too-soon' or 'Enthusiastic Eddie'

ii) 'Mr Too-little-too-late' or 'Half-hearted Harry'

2. The Christ we follow, verses 23-34

i) He is both divinely supreme & a secure refuge, vv 23-27

ii) He is both divinely supreme & shockingly rejected, vv 28-34

Conclusion: No half-way house

Matthew 9.1–17

Intro: Christ the controversialist

1. Jesus' priority is to forgive sinners, verses 1-8

2. Jesus' mission is to call sinners, verses 9-13

3. Jesus' invitation is uncontainable, verses 14-17

Conclusion

Matthew 9.18–34

Intro: No mere man

1. Immanuel – can you see Him?

i) Authority over death, disease & demons

ii) Immanuel - cf. Isaiah 35.5-6; Matthew 11.2-5

2. Immanuel has come – do you believe in Him?

i) Faith – cf. 8.2, 10, 26; 9.2, 18, 21-22, 27-29

ii) Fury – cf. 8.34; 9.34; 11.20

Conclusion: ‘The surprises of perfection’

Matthew 9.35–10.4

Intro: Compassion

1. The heart of Christ is for people

2. The prayer of disciples is for workers

3. The gift of authority is for mission

Conclusion: Prayer & mission

Matthew 10.5–42

Intro: Growth

1. The urgency & pain of mission

i) Short-term instructions, vv 5-15

Where to go

What to do

How to live

Whom to bless

ii) Long-term expectations, vv 16-25

2. The mind-set of perseverance in mission

i) Fearless acknowledgement of Christ, vv 26-33

ii) Uncompromised allegiance to Christ, vv 34-39

iii) Privileged representatives of Christ, vv 40-42

Conclusion

The Gospel of Matthew at a glance

1.1-2.23	Prologue	The Announcement of the King	
3.1-7.27	Section 1	The Arrival of the King	
	3.1-4.25	Narrative block 1	The kingdom is here
	5.1-7.27	Teaching block 1	Sermon on Mount
7.27-10.42	Section 2	The Authentication of the King	
	7.27-10.4	Narrative block 2	The king is for real
	10.5-42	Teaching block2	Mission
11.1-13.52	Section 3	The Advance of the Kingdom	
	11.1-12.50	Narrative block 3	Advance & opposition
	13.1-42	Teaching block 3	Parables of kingdom
13.53-18.35	Section 4	The Acceptance of the King	
	13.53-17.27	Narrative block 4	Time for decision
	18.1-35	Teaching block 4	Life in the kingdom
19.1-25.46	Section 5	The Authority of the King	
	19.1-23.39	Narrative block 5	The triumph of grace
	24.1-25.46	Teaching block 5	The End
26.1-28.30	Conclusion	The Passion of the King	