

MATTHEW

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #1



AUTHOR: MATTHEW THE APOSTLE



WRITTEN: 50-60 AD

Covering this time period: 7 BC to 26 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

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New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: **First Gospel in the New Testament**

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- The visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus
- Herod's slaughter of the infants, and Jesus' parents fleeing with him to Egypt to escape
- Jesus tells Peter that he will be primary in his building of the Church (Upon this rock...)
- Jesus pays tax by his disciples finding a fish with a coin in its mouth.
- The story of Judas' suicide

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." **Matthew 11:28**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **Matthew 28:19**

Important Points about the Book:

- Matthew was writing to Jews as opposed to Gentiles, which is why his gospel often quotes the Old Testament to show how prophecy was fulfilled. The other gospels don't do that.
- The book contains a genealogy that dates back to Abraham. It differs from a genealogy in early Luke. Some say that is because one is a list of legal parentage and the other is a bloodline. Because women died in childbirth often and men had come to have less longevity, often there were remarriages and adoptions. The list in Matthew contained names of legal parents, or those who were the parents at the time a person came of age.
- The book is also famous for containing the Great Commission, listed above in Matthew 28:19.