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• The inspired account of the life of Jesus Christ written, doubtless in Palestine, by the onetime tax collector Matthew, or Levi. It is the first book in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** and has since ancient times been viewed as the first Gospel written.

• Matthew's account commences with the human ancestry of Jesus, followed by his birth, and concludes with Christ's post-resurrection commissioning of his followers to go and make disciples of people of all the nations.

• Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 28:19**)

• Teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (**Matthew 28:20**)

• Hence, it covers the time between Jesus birth in **2 B.C.E.** and his meeting with his disciples just before his ascension in **33 C.E.**

### • Time Of Writing

• Subscriptions, appearing at the end of **Matthew's** Gospel in numerous manuscripts, all being later than the **Tenth Century C.E.**, say that the account was written about the eighth year after Christ's ascension circa **41 C.E.**

• This would not be at variance with internal evidence. The fact that no reference is made to the fulfillment of Jesus prophecy respecting Jerusalem's destruction would point to a time of composition prior to **70 C.E.**

- Nor by earth, because it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. (**Matthew 5:35**)
- Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains. (**Matthew 24:16**)
- And the expression, to this very day at;
- Therefore that field has been called, **Field of Blood, to this very day.** (**Matthew 27:8**)
- So they took the silver pieces and did as they were instructed, and this saying has been spread abroad among the Jews up **to this very day.** (**Matthew 28:15**)
- Indicates a lapse of some time between the events considered and the time of writing.

#### •• Originally Written In Hebrew

- External evidence to the effect that **Matthew** originally wrote this Gospel in Hebrew reaches as far back as Papias of Hierapolis, of the **Second Century C.E.** **Eusebius** quoted Papias as stating: **Matthew collected the oracles in the Hebrew language.** [*The Ecclesiastical History, III, XXXIX, 16*]
- Early in the **Third Century C.E.**, Origen made reference to **Matthew's** account and, in discussing the four Gospels, is quoted by Eusebius as saying that the **first was written according to Matthew, who was once a tax-collector but afterwards an apostle of Jesus Christ, in the Hebrew language.** [*The Ecclesiastical History, VI, XXV, 3-6*]
- The scholar Jerome, of the **Fourth and Fifth Centuries C.E.** wrote in his work, *Deuteronomy viris inlustribus, Concerning Illustrious Men*, chapter III, that **Matthew** composed a Gospel of Christ in Judaea in the Hebrew language and characters for the benefit of those of the circumcision who had believed.
- Moreover, the Hebrew itself is preserved to this day in the library at Caesarea, which the martyr Pamphilus so diligently collected. Translation from the Latin text edited by E. C. Richardson and published in the series *Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur*, Leipzig, 1896, Vol. 14, pp. 8,9)

- It has been suggested that **Matthew**, after compiling his account in Hebrew, may have personally translated it into Koine, the common Greek.

### · Information Unique To Matthew's Gospel

- An examination of **Matthew's** account shows that more than 40 percent of the material contained therein is not found in the other three Gospels. Unique is **Matthew's** genealogy of Jesus;
- The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: (**Matthew 1:1**)
- Abraham became father to Isaac. Isaac became father to Jacob. Jacob became father to Judah and his brothers. (**Matthew 1:2**)
- Judah became father to Perez and to Zerah by Tamar. Perez became father to Hezron. Hezron became father to Ram. (**Matthew 1:3**)
- Ram became father to Amminadab. Amminadab became father to Nahshon. Nahshon became father to Salmon. (**Matthew 1:4**)
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (**Matthew 1:5**)
- Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (**Matthew 1:6**)
- Solomon became father to Rehoboam. Rehoboam became father to Abijah. Abijah became father to Asa. (**Matthew 1:7**)
- Asa became father to Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became father to Jehoram. Jehoram became father to Uzziah. (**Matthew 1:8**)
- Uzziah became father to Jotham. Jotham became father to Ahaz. Ahaz became father to Hezekiah. (**Matthew 1:9**)
- Hezekiah became father to Manasseh. Manasseh became father to Amon. Amon became father to Josiah. (**Matthew 1:10**)
- Josiah became father to Jeconiah and to his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (**Matthew 1:11**)

- **Which takes an approach different from that set out by Luke.**
- **Furthermore, Jesus himself, when he commenced his work, was about thirty years old, being the son, as the opinion was, of Joseph, son of Heli. (Luke 3:23)**
- **Son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph. (Luke 3:24)**
- **Son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai. (Luke 3:25)**
- **Son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda. (Luke 3:26)**
- **Son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri. (Luke 3:27)**
- **Son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Error. (Luke 3:28)**
- **Son of Jesus, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi. (Luke 3:29)**
- **Son of Symeon, son of Judas, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim. (Luke 3:30)**
- **Son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David. (Luke 3:31)**
- **Son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Salmon, son of Nahshon. (Luke 3:32)**
- **Son of Amminadab, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah. (Luke 3:33)**
- **Son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor. (Luke 3:34)**
- **Son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah. (Luke 3:35)**
- **Son of Cainan, son of Arpachshad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech. (Luke 3:36)**

- Son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan. ([Luke 3:37](#))
- Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. ([Luke 3:38](#))
- A comparison of the two indicates that **Matthew** gave the legal genealogy through Jesus adoptive father Joseph, while Luke apparently gave Jesus natural genealogy.
- Other incidents mentioned only in **Matthew's** account are: Joseph's reaction to Mary's pregnancy, the appearance of an angel to Joseph in a dream.
- But the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way. During the time his mother Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph, she was found to be pregnant by Holy Spirit before they were united. ([Matthew 1:18](#))
- However, Joseph her husband, because he was righteous and did not want to make her a public spectacle, intended to divorce her secretly. ([Matthew 1:19](#))
- But after he had thought these things over, look! Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a dream, saying; Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife home, for that which has been begotten in her is by Holy Spirit. ([Matthew 1:20](#))
- She will give birth to a son, and you must call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ([Matthew 1:21](#))
- All this actually came about for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; ([Matthew 1:22](#))
- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, when translated, **With Us Is God**. ([Matthew 1:23](#))
- Then Joseph woke up from his sleep and did as the angel of Yehowah had directed him, and he took his wife home. ([Matthew 1:24](#))
- But he had no intercourse with her until she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus. ([Matthew 1:25](#))

- **The visit of the astrologers, the flight to Egypt, the slaughter of the young boys in Bethlehem and its districts ([Matthew Chapter 2](#)), and the dream of Pilate's wife regarding Jesus.**
- **Moreover, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent out to him, saying; Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I suffered a lot today in a dream because of him. ([Matthew 27:19](#))**
- **At least ten parables, or illustrations, found in [Matthew's](#) account are not mentioned in the other Gospels. These include four in ([Matthew Chapter 13](#)), those of the weeds in the field, the hidden treasure, the one pearl of high value, and the dragnet. Others are the illustrations of the unmerciful slave**
- **That is why the kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. ([Matthew 18:23](#))**
- **When he started to settle them, there was brought in a man who owed him ten thousand talents equaling sixty-million denarii. ([Matthew 18:24](#))**
- **But because he did not have the means to pay it back, his master ordered him and his wife and his children and all the things he had to be sold and payment to be made. ([Matthew 18:25](#))**
- **Therefore the slave fell down and began to do obeisance to him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay back everything to you. ([Matthew 18:26](#))**
- **Moved to pity at this, the master of that slave let him off and canceled his debt. ([Matthew 18:27](#))**
- **But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves that was owing him a hundred denarii, and, grabbing him, he began to choke him, saying; Pay back whatever you owe. ([Matthew 18:28](#))**
- **Therefore his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay you back. ([Matthew 18:29](#))**

- **However, he was not willing, but went off and had him thrown into prison until he should pay back what was owing. (Matthew 18:30)**
- **When, therefore, his fellow slaves saw the things that had happened, they became very much grieved, and they went and made clear to their master all the things that had happened. (Matthew 18:31)**
- **Then his master summoned him and said to him; Wicked slave, I canceled all that debt for you, when you entreated me. (Matthew 18:32)**
- **Ought you not, in turn, to have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy on you? (Matthew 18:33)**
- **With that his master, provoked to wrath, delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay back all that was owing. (Matthew 18:34)**
- **In like manner my heavenly Father will also deal with you if you do not forgive each one his brother from your hearts. (Matthew 18:35)**
- **The workers in the vineyard,**
- **For the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. (Matthew 20:1)**
- **When he had agreed with the workers for a denarius a day, he sent them forth into his vineyard. (Matthew 20:2)**
- **Going out also about the third hour, he saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. (Matthew 20:3)**
- **And to those he said; You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is just I will give you. (Matthew 20:4)**
- **So off they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise. (Matthew 20:5)**
- **Finally, about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he said to them, Why have you been standing here**

all day unemployed? (**Matthew 20:6**)

- They said to him; Because nobody has hired us. He said to them, you too go into the vineyard. (**Matthew 20:7**)
- When it became evening, the master of the vineyard said to his man in charge, Call the workers and pay them their wages, proceeding from the last to the first. (**Matthew 20:8**)
- When the eleventh-hour men came, they each received a denarius. (**Matthew 20:9**)
- So, when the first came, they concluded they would receive more, but they also received pay at the rate of a denarius. (**Matthew 20:10**)
- On receiving it they began to murmur against the householder (**Matthew 20:11**)
- And said; These last put in one hours work, still you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day and the burning heat! (**Matthew 20:12**)
- But in reply to one of them he said; Fellow, I do you no wrong. You agreed with me for a denarius, did you not? (**Matthew 20:13**)
- Take what is yours and go. I want to give to this last one the same as to you. (**Matthew 20:14**)
- Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with my own things? Or is your eye wicked because I am good? (**Matthew 20:15**)
- In this way the last ones will be first, and the first ones last. (**Matthew 20:16**)
- **The marriage of the king's son;**
- In further reply Jesus again spoke to them with illustrations, saying; (**Matthew 22:1**)
- The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that made a marriage feast for his son. (**Matthew 22:2**)



- **And he sent forth his slaves to call those invited to the marriage feast, but they were unwilling to come. (Matthew 22:3)**
- **Again he sent forth other slaves, saying; Tell those invited; Look! I have prepared my dinner, my bulls and fattened animals are slaughtered, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast. (Matthew 22:4)**
- **But unconcerned they went off, one to his own field, another to his commercial business. (Matthew 22:5)**
- **But the rest, laying hold of his slaves, treated them insolently and killed them. (Matthew 22:6)**
- **But the king grew wrathful, and sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. (Matthew 22:7)**
- **Then he said to his slaves; The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those invited were not worthy. (Matthew 22:8)**
- **Therefore go to the roads leading out of the city, and anyone you find invite to the marriage feast. (Matthew 22:9)**
- **Accordingly those slaves went out to the roads and gathered together all they found, both wicked and good, and the room for the wedding ceremonies was filled with those reclining at the table. (Matthew 22:10)**
- **When the king came in to inspect the guests he caught sight there of a man not clothed with a marriage garment. (Matthew 22:11)**
- **So he said to him; Fellow, how did you get in here not having on a marriage garment? He was rendered speechless. (Matthew 22:12)**
- **Then the king said to his servants; Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the darkness outside. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. (Matthew 22:13)**
- **For there are many invited, but few chosen. (Matthew 22:14)**
- **The ten virgins**

- **Then the kingdom of the heavens will become like ten virgins that took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (Matthew 25:1)**
- **Five of them were foolish, and five were discreet. (Matthew 25:2)**
- **For the foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them. (Matthew 25:3)**
- **Whereas the discreet took oil in their receptacles with their lamps. (Matthew 25:4)**
- **While the bridegroom was delaying, they all nodded and went to sleep. (Matthew 25:5)**
- **Right in the middle of the night there arose a cry, Here is the bridegroom! Be on your way out to meet him. (Matthew 25:6)**
- **Then all those virgins rose and put their lamps in order. (Matthew 25:7)**
- **The foolish said to the discreet; Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are about to go out. (Matthew 25:8)**
- **The discreet answered with the words; Perhaps there may not be quite enough for us and you. Be on your way, instead, to those who sell it and buy for yourselves. (Matthew 25:9)**
- **While they were going off to buy, the bridegroom arrived, and the virgins that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. (Matthew 25:10)**
- **Afterwards the rest of the virgins also came, saying; Sir, sir, open to us! (Matthew 25:11)**
- **In answer he said; I tell you the truth, I do not know you. (Matthew 25:12)**
- **Keep on the watch, therefore, because you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)**
- **And the talents**
- **For it is just as when a man, about to travel abroad, summoned**

- slaves of his and committed to them his belongings. (**Matthew 25:14**)
- **And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to still another one, to each one according to his own ability, and he went abroad. (**Matthew 25:15**)**
  - **Immediately the one that received the five talents went his way and did business with them and gained five more. (**Matthew 25:16**)**
  - **In the same way the one that received the two gained two more. (**Matthew 25:17**)**
  - **But the one that received just one went off, and dug in the ground and hid the silver money of his master. (**Matthew 25:18**)**
  - **After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. (**Matthew 25:19**)**
  - **So the one that had received five talents came forward and brought five additional talents, saying; Master, you committed five talents to me, see, I gained five talents more. (**Matthew 25:20**)**
  - **His master said to him; Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. (**Matthew 25:21**)**
  - **Next the one that had received the two talents came forward and said; Master, you committed to me two talents, see, I gained two talents more. (**Matthew 25:22**)**
  - **His master said to him; Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. (**Matthew 25:23**)**
  - **Finally the one that had received the one talent came forward and said; Master, I knew you to be an exacting man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not winnow. (**Matthew 25:24**)**
  - **So I grew afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours. (**Matthew 25:25**)**

- In reply his master said to him, Wicked and sluggish slave, you knew, did you, that I reaped where I did not sow and gathered where I did not winnow? (**Matthew 25:26**)
- Well, then, you ought to have deposited my silver monies with the bankers, and on my arrival I would be receiving what is mine with interest. (**Matthew 25:27**)
- Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to him that has the ten talents. (**Matthew 25:28**)
- For to everyone that has, more will be given and he will have abundance, but as for him that does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. (**Matthew 25:29**)
- And throw the good-for-nothing slave out into the darkness outside. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. (**Matthew 25:30**)
- **At times Matthew provides supplementary details. Although material from the Sermon on the Mount also appears in Luke's account;**
- And he came down with them and took his station on a level place, and there was a great crowd of his disciples, and a great multitude of people from all of Judea and Jerusalem and the maritime country of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and be healed of their sicknesses. (**Luke 6:17**)
- Even those troubled with unclean spirits were cured. (**Luke 6:18**)
- And all the crowd were seeking to touch him, because power was going out of him and healing them all. (**Luke 6:19**)
- And he lifted up his eyes upon his disciples and began to say; Happy are you poor, because yours is the kingdom of God. (**Luke 6:20**)
- Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be filled. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh. (**Luke 6:21**)
- Happy are you whenever men hate you, and whenever they exclude you and reproach you and cast out your name as wicked

for the sake of the Son of man. (Luke 6:22)

- Rejoice in that day and leap, for, look! Your reward is great in heaven, for those are the same things their forefathers used to do to the prophets. (Luke 6:23)
- But woe to you rich persons, because you are having your consolation in full. (Luke 6:24)
- Woe to you who are filled up now, because you will go hungry. Woe, you who are laughing now, because you will mourn and weep. (Luke 6:25)
- Woe, whenever all men speak well of you, for things like these are what their forefathers did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26)
- But I say to you who are listening, Continue to love your enemies, to do good to those hating you. (Luke 6:27)
- To bless those cursing you, to pray for those who are insulting you. (Luke 6:28)
- To him that strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also, and from him that takes away your outer garment, do not withhold even the undergarment. (Luke 6:29)
- Give to everyone asking you, and from the one taking your things away do not ask them back. (Luke 6:30)
- Also, just as you want men to do to you, do the same way to them. (Luke 6:31)
- And if you love those loving you, of what credit is it to you? For even the sinners love those loving them. (Luke 6:32)
- And if you do good to those doing good to you, really of what credit is it to you? Even the sinners do the same. (Luke 6:33)
- Also, if you lend without interest to those from whom you hope to receive, of what credit is it to you? Even sinners lend without interest to sinners that they may get back as much. (Luke 6:34)
- To the contrary, continue to love your enemies and to do good and to lend without interest, not hoping for anything back, and

- your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind toward the unthankful and wicked. (Luke 6:35)**
- **Continue becoming merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:36)**
  - **Moreover, stop judging, and you will by no means be judged, and stop condemning, and you will by no means be condemned. Keep on releasing, and you will be released. (Luke 6:37)**
  - **Practice giving, and people will give to you. They will pour into your laps a fine measure, pressed down, shaken together and overflowing. For with the measure that you are measuring out, they will measure out to you in return. (Luke 6:38)**
  - **Then he also spoke an illustration to them; A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Both will tumble into a pit, will they not? (Luke 6:39)**
  - **A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone that is perfectly instructed will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40)**
  - **Why, then, do you look at the straw that is in your brothers eye, but do not observe the rafter that is in your own eye? (Luke 6:41)**
  - **How can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to extract the straw that is in your eye, while you yourself are not looking at the rafter in that eye of yours? Hypocrite! First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw that is in your brothers eye. (Luke 6:42)**
  - **For there is not a fine tree producing rotten fruit, again there is not a rotten tree producing fine fruit. (Luke 6:43)**
  - **For each tree is known by its own fruit. For example, people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they cut grapes off a thornbush. (Luke 6:44)**
  - **A good man brings forth good out of the good treasure of his heart, but a wicked man brings forth what is wicked out of his wicked treasure, for out of the hearts abundance his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)**

- **Why, then, do you call me; Lord! Lord! But do not do the things I say? (Luke 6:46)**
- **Everyone that comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you whom he is like. (Luke 6:47)**
- **He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock-mass. Consequently, when a flood arose, the river dashed against that house, but was not strong enough to shake it, because of its being well built. (Luke 6:48)**
- **On the other hand, he who hears and does not do, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without a foundation. Against it the river dashed, and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house became great. (Luke 6:49)**
- **Matthew's Gospel is far more extensive in this respect.**
- **When he saw the crowds he went up into the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. (Matthew 5:1)**
- **For he was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:29)**
- **Whereas Mark, Luke, and John mention the miraculous feeding of about 5,000 men, Matthew adds, besides women and young children.**
- **Yet those eating were about five thousand men, besides women and young children. (Matthew 14:21)**
- **Furthermore, those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men. (Mark 6:44)**
- **They were, in fact, about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples; Have them recline as at meals, in groups of about fifty each. (Luke 9:14)**
- **Jesus said; Have the men recline as at meal. Now there was a lot of grass in the place. Therefore the men reclined, about five thousand in number. (John 6:10)**

- **Matthew** mentions two demon-possessed men encountered by Jesus in the country of the Gadarenes, while Mark and Luke refer to only one.
- When he got to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him **two demon-possessed men** coming out from among the memorial tombs, unusually fierce, so that nobody had the courage to pass by on that road. (**Matthew 8:28**)
- And immediately after he got out of the boat a man under the power of an unclean spirit met him from among the memorial tombs. (**Mark 5:2**)
- But as he got out onto land a certain man from the city who had demons met him. And for a considerable time he had not worn clothing, and he was staying, not at home, but among the tombs. (**Luke 8:27**)
- **Matthew** also tells of two blind men being healed on an occasion, whereas Mark and Luke mention only one.
- Now as they were going out of Jericho a great crowd followed him. (**Matthew 20:29**)
- And, look! **Two blind** men sitting beside the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying; Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David! (**Matthew 20:30**)
- And they came into Jericho. But as he and his disciples and a considerable crowd were going out of Jericho, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. (**Mark 10:46**)
- When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he started shouting and saying; Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:47**)
- Now as he was getting near to Jericho a certain blind man was sitting beside the road begging. (**Luke 18:35**)
- At that he cried out, saying; Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! (**Luke 18:38**)



- Of course, all the writers were correct in that at least one person was involved in each incident. But **Matthew** was often more explicit as to number. This perhaps is to be attributed to his former occupation as a tax collector.

### · **Matthew's Use Of The Hebrew Scriptures**

- It has been estimated that **Matthew's** Gospel contains about a hundred references to the Hebrew Scriptures. About 40 of these are actual quotations of passages.
- These include Christ's own quotations from and allusions to the Hebrew Scriptures, among which are the following: a man's enemies to be persons of his own household
- For I came to cause division, with a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a young wife against her mother-in-law. (**Matthew 10:35**)
- Indeed, a man's enemies will be persons of his own household. (**Matthew 10:36**)
- For a son is despising a father, a daughter is rising up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-Law, a man's enemies are the men of his household. (**Micah 7:6**)
- John the Baptizer identified as the **Elijah** to come;
- For all, the Prophets and the Law, prophesied until John. (**Matthew 11:13**)
- And if you want to accept it, He himself is Elijah who is destined to come. (**Matthew 11:14**)
- In reply he said; Elijah, indeed, is coming and will restore all things. (**Matthew 17:11**)
- However, I say to you that Elijah has already come and they did not recognize him but did with him the things they wanted. In this way also the Son of man is destined to suffer at their hands. (**Matthew 17:12**)
- Then the disciples perceived that he spoke to them about John the Baptist. (**Matthew 17:13**)

- **Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah. ([Malachi 4:5](#))**
- **Jesus and Jonah's experiences compared;**
- **For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. ([Matthew 12:40](#))**
- **Now Yehowah appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, so that Jonah came to be in the inward parts of the fish three days and three nights. ([Jonah 1:17](#))**
- **Commandment on honoring parents,**
- **For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother, and, Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. ([Matthew 15:4](#))**
- **Honor your father and your mother in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. ([Exodus 20:12](#))**
- **And one who calls down evil upon his father and his mother is to be put to death without fail. ([Exodus 21:17](#))**
- **Rendering lip service to God,**
- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. ([Matthew 15:8](#))**
- **It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines. ([Matthew 15:9](#))**
- **And Yehowah says; For the reason that this people have come near with their mouth, and they have glorified me merely with their lips, and they have removed their heart itself far away from me, and their fear toward me becomes men's commandment that is being taught. ([Isaiah 29:13](#))**
- **Need for two or three witnesses.**

- **But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two more, in order, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. (Matthew 18:16)**
- **No single witness should rise up against a man respecting any error or any sin, in the case of any sin that he may commit. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses the matter should stand good. (Deuteronomy 19:15)**
- **Statements on marriage,**
- **In reply he said; Did you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female. (Matthew 19:4)**
- **And said; For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh? (Matthew 19:5)**
- **So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has yoked together let no man put apart. (Matthew 19:6)**
- **And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)**
- **That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)**
- **Various commandments.**
- **You heard that it was said to those of ancient times, You must not murder, but whoever commits a murder will be accountable to the court of justice. (Matthew 5:21)**
- **You heard that it was said; You must not commit adultery. (Matthew 5:27)**
- **You heard that it was said; Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. (Matthew 5:38)**
- **He said to him, Which ones? Jesus said; Why, You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not bear false witness. (Matthew 19:18)**

- Honor your father and your mother, and, You must love your neighbor as yourself. (**Matthew 19:19**)
- Honor your father and your mother in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (**Exodus 20:12**)
- You must not murder. (**Exodus 20:13**)
- You must not commit adultery. (**Exodus 20:14**)
- You must not steal. (**Exodus 20:15**)
- You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman. (**Exodus 20:16**)
- Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. (**Exodus 21:24**)
- You must not take vengeance nor have a grudge against the sons of your people, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:18**)
- Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, the same sort of defect he may cause in the man, that is what should be caused in him. (**Leviticus 24:20**)
- And your eye should not feel sorry, soul will be for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. (**Deuteronomy 19:21**)
- The temple made into a cave of robbers.
- And he said to them; It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a cave of robbers. (**Matthew 21:13**)
- I will also bring them to my holy mountain and make them rejoice inside my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be for acceptance upon my altar. For my own house will be called even a house of prayer for all the peoples. (**Isaiah 56:7**)

- Has this house upon which my name has been called become a mere cave of robbers in your eyes? Here I myself also have seen it, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 7:11**)
- **Rejection of Jesus, the stone that became the chief cornerstone.**
- Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures, The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (**Matthew 21:42**)
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (**Psalms 118:22**)
- This has come to be from Yehowah himself, it is wonderful in our eyes. (**Psalms 118:23**)
- **Foes of David's Lord put under his feet,**
- Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies beneath your feet? (**Matthew 22:44**)
- The utterance of Yehowah to my Lord is; Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (**Psalms 110:1**)
- **Disgusting thing in the holy place;**
- Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. (**Matthew 24:15**)
- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)
- **Jesus disciples scattered.**
- Then Jesus said to them; All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered about.

**(Matthew 26:31)**

- **O sword, awake against my shepherd, even against the able-bodied man who is my associate, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. Strike the shepherd, and let those of the flock be scattered, and I shall certainly turn my hand back upon those who are insignificant. (Zechariah 13:7)**
- **Christ apparently forsaken by God,**
- **About the ninth hour Jesus called out with a loud voice, saying; Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)**
- **My God, my God, why have you left me? Why are you far from saving me, from the words of my roaring? (Psalms 22:1)**
- **There are also Jesus statements used in resisting Satan's temptations.**
- **But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's mouth. (Matthew 4:4)**
- **Jesus said to him; Again it is written: You must not put Yehowah your God to the test. (Matthew 4:7)**
- **Then Jesus said to him; Go away, Satan! For it is written: It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. (Matthew 4:10)**
- **So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but by every expression of Yehowah's mouth does man live. (Deuteronomy 8:3)**
- **You must not put Yehowah your God to the test, the way you put him to the test at Massah. (Deuteronomy 6:16)**
- **Yehowah your God you should fear, and him you should serve, and by his name you should swear. (Deuteronomy 6:13)**

- Interesting, too, is **Matthew's** inspired application of Hebrew Scripture prophecies to Jesus, proving him to be the promised Messiah.
- This aspect would have been of particular concern to the Jews, for whom the account seems to have been originally intended. The prophecies include, Jesus being born of a virgin.
- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, when translated, **With Us Is God**. (**Matthew 1:23**)
- Therefore Yehowah himself will give you men a sign. Look! The maiden herself will actually become pregnant, and she is giving birth to a son, and she will certainly call his name Immanuel. (**Isaiah 7:14**)
- **His birth in Bethlehem**
- And you, O Bethlehem of the land of Judah, are by no means the most insignificant city among the governor's of Judah, for out of you will come forth a governing one, who will shepherd my people, Israel. (**Matthew 2:6**)
- And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be among the thousands of Judah, from you there will come out to me the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin is from early times, from the days of time indefinite. (**Micah 5:2**)
- **His being called out of Egypt.**
- And he stayed there until the decease of Herod, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. (**Matthew 2:15**)
- When Israel was a boy, then I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. (**Hosea 11:1**)
- **The lamentation over the death of slaughtered children.**
- Then Herod, seeing he had been outwitted by the astrologers, fell into a great rage, and he sent out and had all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts done away with, from two years of age and under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the astrologers. (**Matthew 2:16**)

- **Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying; (Matthew 2:17)**
- **A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing, it was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. (Matthew 2:18)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; In Ramah a voice is being heard, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping over her sons. She has refused to be comforted over her sons, because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31:15)**
- **John the Baptizer's preparing the way before Jesus**
- **In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. (Matthew 3:1)**
- **Saying; Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near. (Matthew 3:2)**
- **This, in fact, is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet in these words; Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness, Prepare the way of Yehowah, you people! Make his roads straight. (Matthew 3:3)**
- **Listen! Someone is calling out in the wilderness; Clear up the way of Yehowah, you people! Make the highway for our God through the desert plain straight. (Isaiah 40:3)**
- **Jesus ministry bringing light,**
- **Further, after leaving Nazareth, he came and took up residence in Capernaum beside the sea in the districts of Zebulun and Naphtali. (Matthew 4:13)**
- **That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; (Matthew 4:14)**
- **O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (Matthew 4:15)**
- **The people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and as for those**



sitting in a region of deathly shadow, light rose upon them. **(Matthew 4:16)**

- However, the obscureness will not be as when the land had stress, as at the former time when one treated with contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali and when at the later time one caused it to be honored, the way by the sea, in the region of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. **(Isaiah 9:1)**
- The people that were walking in the darkness have seen a great light. As for those dwelling in the land of deep shadow, light itself has shone upon them. **(Isaiah 9:2)**
- **His carrying of illnesses,**
- And Jesus, on coming into Peter's house, saw his mother-in-law lying down and sick with fever. **(Matthew 8:14)**
- So he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began ministering to him. **(Matthew 8:15)**
- But after it became evening, people brought him many demon-possessed persons, and he expelled the spirits with a word, and he cured all who were faring badly. **(Matthew 8:16)**
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; He himself took our sicknesses and carried our diseases. **(Matthew 8:17)**
- Truly our sicknesses were what he himself carried, and as for our pains, he bore them. But we ourselves accounted him as plagued, stricken by God and afflicted. **(Isaiah 53:4)**
- **His use of illustrations;**
- All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds by illustrations. Indeed, without an illustration he would not speak to them. **(Matthew 13:34)**
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet who said; I will open my mouth with illustrations, I will publish things hidden since the founding. **(Matthew 13:35)**
- In a proverbial saying I will open my mouth. I will cause riddles

of long ago to bubble forth. (**Psalms 78:2**)

- **Jesus entry into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass,**
- **This actually took place that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 21:4**)**
- **Tell the daughter of Zion, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild-tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. (**Matthew 21:5**)**
- **Be very joyful, O daughter of Zion. Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem. Look! Your king himself comes to you. He is righteous, yes, saved, humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a full-grown animal the son of a she-ass. (**Zechariah 9:9**)**
- **The betrayal of Christ for 30 pieces of silver,**
- **Then one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests. (**Matthew 26:14**)**
- **And said; What will you give me to betray him to you? They stipulated to him thirty silver pieces. (**Matthew 26:15**)**
- **Then I said to them; If it is good in your eyes, give me my wages, but if not, refrain. And they proceeded to pay my wages, thirty pieces of silver. (**Zechariah 11:12**)**

#### •• **An Accurate, Beneficial Record**

- **Matthew**, being a close associate of Christ during Jesus later years of life on earth and thus an eyewitness of his ministry, could understandably record a moving and meaningful Gospel.
- **This we possess in the former tax collectors record of the life of Jesus Christ. He was enabled by God's spirit to recall in detail what Jesus said and did on earth.**
- **But the helper, the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. (**John 14:26**)**
- **Hence, Matthew accurately portrayed Jesus of Nazareth as the beloved Son of God having divine approval, as the one who came to**

**minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many, and as the foretold Messianic King who was to arrive in glory.**

- **Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (Matthew 20:28)**
- **Look! Also, there was a voice from the heavens that said; This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved. (Matthew 3:17)**
- **When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. (Matthew 25:31)**
- **When on earth, Jesus pointed to his works and could truthfully say; The poor are having the Good News declared to them.**
- **The blind are seeing again, and the lame are walking about, the lepers are being cleansed and the deaf are hearing, and the dead are being raised up, and the poor are having the Good News declared to them. (Matthew 11:5)**
- **And today multitudes, both natural Jews and non-Jews, greatly benefit from such Kingdom Good News as recorded in **Matthew's** Gospel.**
- **Then he went around throughout the whole of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity among the people. (Matthew 4:23) Footnote**

### **.. Highlights Of Matthew**

- **The apostle **Matthew's** account of Jesus life, written primarily with the Jews in mind, this Gospel demonstrates that Jesus is the foretold Messianic King.**
- **The first Gospel written, it was likely composed initially in Hebrew about eight years after the death and resurrection of Christ**  
**Details of Jesus life fulfill Messianic prophecies**
- **Jesus is born of a virgin, an offspring of Abraham in David's line, at Bethlehem.**

- **The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)**
- **Abraham became father to Isaac. Isaac became father to Jacob. Jacob became father to Judah and his brothers. (Matthew 1:2)**
- **Judah became father to Perez and to Zerah by Tamar. Perez became father to Hezron. Hezron became father to Ram. (Matthew 1:3)**
- **Ram became father to Amminadab. Amminadab became father to Nahshon. Nahshon became father to Salmon. (Matthew 1:4)**
- **Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (Matthew 1:5)**
- **Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (Matthew 1:6)**
- **Solomon became father to Rehoboam. Rehoboam became father to Abijah. Abijah became father to Asa. (Matthew 1:7)**
- **Asa became father to Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became father to Jehoram. Jehoram became father to Uzziah. (Matthew 1:8)**
- **Uzziah became father to Jotham. Jotham became father to Ahaz. Ahaz became father to Hezekiah. (Matthew 1:9)**
- **Hezekiah became father to Manasseh. Manasseh became father to Amon. Amon became father to Josiah. (Matthew 1:10)**
- **Josiah became father to Jeconiah and to his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (Matthew 1:11)**
- **After the deportation to Babylon Jeconiah became father to Shealtiel. Shealtiel became father to Zerubbabel. (Matthew 1:12)**
- **Zerubbabel became father to Abiud. Abiud became father to Eliakim. Eliakim became father to Azor. (Matthew 1:13)**
- **Azor became father to Zadok. Zadok became father to Achim. Achim became father to Eliud. (Matthew 1:14)**

- Eliud became father to Eleazar. Eleazar became father to Matthan. Matthan became father to Jacob. (**Matthew 1:15**)
- Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (**Matthew 1:16**)
- All the generations, then, from Abraham until David were fourteen generations, and from David until the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon until the Christ fourteen generations. (**Matthew 1:17**)
- But the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way. During the time his mother Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph, she was found to be pregnant by Holy Spirit before they were united. (**Matthew 1:18**)
- However, Joseph her husband, because he was righteous and did not want to make her a public spectacle, intended to divorce her secretly. (**Matthew 1:19**)
- But after he had thought these things over, look! Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife home, for that which has been begotten in her is by Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 1:20**)
- She will give birth to a son, and you must call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (**Matthew 1:21**)
- All this actually came about for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; (**Matthew 1:22**)
- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, when translated, **With Us Is God**. (**Matthew 1:23**)
- In David's line, at Bethlehem,
- After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. (**Matthew 2:1**)
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him obeisance. (**Matthew 2:2**)

- **At hearing this King Herod was agitated, and all Jerusalem along with him. (Matthew 2:3)**
- **And on gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. (Matthew 2:4)**
- **They said to him; In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is how it has been written through the prophet. (Matthew 2:5)**
- **And you, O Bethlehem of the land of Judah, are by no means the most insignificant city among the governor's of Judah, for out of you will come forth a governing one, who will shepherd my people, Israel. (Matthew 2:6)**
- **Baby boys are slaughtered, he is called out of Egypt.**
- **So he got up and took along the young child and its mother by night and withdrew into Egypt. (Matthew 2:14)**
- **And he stayed there until the decease of Herod, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. (Matthew 2:15)**
- **Then Herod, seeing he had been outwitted by the astrologers, fell into a great rage, and he sent out and had all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts done away with, from two years of age and under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the astrologers. (Matthew 2:16)**
- **Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying; (Matthew 2:17)**
- **A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing. It was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. (Matthew 2:18)**
- **He grows up in Nazareth, John the Baptizer prepares the way for him (Matthew 2:23)–(Matthew 3:3)**
- **He proves to be a light in Galilee.**
- **Further, after leaving Nazareth, he came and took up residence**

in Capernaum beside the sea in the districts of Zebulun and Naphtali. (**Matthew 4:13**)

- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 4:14**)
- O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (**Matthew 4:15**)
- The people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and as for those sitting in a region of deathly shadow, light rose upon them. (**Matthew 4:16**)
- He performs many miraculous healings,
- But after it became evening, people brought him many demon-possessed persons, and he expelled the spirits with a word, and he cured all who were faring badly. (**Matthew 8:16**)
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; He himself took our sicknesses and carried our diseases. (**Matthew 8:17**)
- He gladly helps the lowly ones,
- And, look! A man with a withered hand! So they asked him; Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath? That they might get an accusation against him. (**Matthew 12:10**)
- He said to them; Who will be the man among you that has one sheep and, if this falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not get hold of it and lift it out? (**Matthew 12:11**)
- All considered, of how much more worth is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do a fine thing on the Sabbath. (**Matthew 12:12**)
- Then he said to the man; Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and it was restored sound like the other hand. (**Matthew 12:13**)
- But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him that they might destroy him. (**Matthew 12:14**)

- **Having come to know this, Jesus withdrew from there. Many also followed him, and he cured them all. (Matthew 12:15)**
- **But he strictly charged them not to make him manifest. (Matthew 12:16)**
- **That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, who said. (Matthew 12:17)**
- **Look! My servant whom I chose, my beloved, whom my soul approved! I will put my spirit upon him, and what justice is he will make clear to the nations. (Matthew 12:18)**
- **He will not wrangle, nor cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the broad ways. (Matthew 12:19)**
- **No bruised reed will he crush, and no smoldering flaxen wick will he extinguish, until he sends out justice with success. (Matthew 12:20)**
- **Indeed, in his name nations will hope. (Matthew 12:21)**
- **He teaches, using illustrations, the hearts of many people are unreceptive.**
- **So the disciples came up and said to him; Why is it you speak to them by the use of illustrations? (Matthew 13:10)**
- **In reply he said; To you it is granted to understand the sacred secrets of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those people it is not granted. (Matthew 13:11)**
- **For whoever has, more will be given him and he will be made to abound, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. (Matthew 13:12)**
- **This is why I speak to them by the use of illustrations, because, looking, they look in vain, and hearing, they hear in vain, neither do they get the sense of it. (Matthew 13:13)**
- **And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says, By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (Matthew 13:14)**



- **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (Matthew 13:15)**
- **All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds by illustrations. Indeed, without an illustration he would not speak to them. (Matthew 13:34)**
- **That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet who said; I will open my mouth with illustrations, I will publish things hidden since the founding. (Matthew 13:35)**
- **Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass, he is hailed as the Son of David by the crowds but rejected by Jewish builders.**
- **Well, when they got close to Jerusalem and arrived at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent forth two disciples. (Matthew 21:1)**
- **Saying to them; Be on your way into the village that is within sight of you, and you will at once find an ass tied, and a colt with her, untie them and bring them to me. (Matthew 21:2)**
- **And if someone says anything to you, you must say; The Lord needs them. At that he will immediately send them forth. (Matthew 21:3)**
- **This actually took place that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying; (Matthew 21:4)**
- **Tell the daughter of Zion, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild-tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. (Matthew 21:5)**
- **So the disciples got on their way and did just as Jesus ordered them. (Matthew 21:6)**
- **And they brought the ass and its colt, and they put upon these their outer garments, and he seated himself upon them. (Matthew 21:7)**

- **Most of the crowd spread their outer garments on the road, while others began cutting down branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. (Matthew 21:8)**
- **As for the crowds, those going ahead of him and those following kept crying out; Save, we pray, the Son of David! Blessed is he that comes in Yehowah's name! Save him, we pray, in the heights above! (Matthew 21:9)**
- **Now when he entered into Jerusalem, the whole city was set in commotion, saying; Who is this? (Matthew 21:10)**
- **The crowds kept telling; This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee! (Matthew 21:11)**
- **When the chief priests and the scribes saw the marvelous things he did and the boys that were crying out in the temple and saying; Save, we pray, the Son of David! They became indignant (Matthew 21:15)**
- **Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures; The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (Matthew 21:42)**
- **Judas betrays him for 30 silver pieces, which money is later used to buy a potter's field.**
- **Then one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests (Matthew 26:14)**
- **And said; What will you give me to betray him to you? They stipulated to him thirty silver pieces. (Matthew 26:15)**
- **Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying; Whoever it is I kiss, this is he, take him into custody. (Matthew 26:48)**
- **And going straight up to Jesus he said; Good day, Rabbi! and kissed him very tenderly. (Matthew 26:49)**
- **Used to buy a potter's field;**
- **Then Judas, who betrayed him, seeing he had been condemned, felt remorse and turned the thirty silver pieces back to the chief**

priests and older men. (**Matthew 27:3**)

- **Saying; I sinned when I betrayed righteous blood. They said; What is that to us? You must see to that! (**Matthew 27:4**)**
- **So he threw the silver pieces into the temple and withdrew, and went off and hanged himself. (**Matthew 27:5**)**
- **But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said; It is not lawful to drop them into the sacred treasury, because they are the price of blood. (**Matthew 27:6**)**
- **After consulting together, they bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers. (**Matthew 27:7**)**
- **Therefore that field has been called, **Field of Blood**, to this very day. (**Matthew 27:8**)**
- **Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying; And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price upon the man that was priced, the one on whom some of the sons of Israel set a price. (**Matthew 27:9**)**
- **And they gave them for the potter's field, according to what Yehowah had commanded me. (**Matthew 27:10**)**
- **His disciples are scattered;**
- **Then Jesus said to them; All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered about. (**Matthew 26:31**)**
- **Jesus is in the tomb for parts of three days;**
- **In reply he said to them; A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. (**Matthew 12:39**)**
- **For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. (**Matthew 12:40**)**
- **Jesus proclaims the Good News of God's Kingdom**

- **After John's arrest, Jesus proclaims; The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.**
- **Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. (Matthew 4:12)**
- **Further, after leaving Nazareth, he came and took up residence in Capernaum beside the sea in the districts of Zebulun and Naphtali. (Matthew 4:13)**
- **That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; (Matthew 4:14)**
- **O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (Matthew 4:15)**
- **The people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and as for those sitting in a region of deathly shadow, light rose upon them. (Matthew 4:16)**
- **From that time on Jesus commenced preaching and saying; Repent, you people, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near. (Matthew 4:17)**
- **Walking alongside the sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, letting down a fishing net into the sea, for they were fishers. (Matthew 4:18)**
- **And he said to them; Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19)**
- **At once abandoning the nets, they followed him. (Matthew 4:20)**
- **Going on also from there he saw two others who were brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. (Matthew 4:21)**
- **At once leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. (Matthew 4:22)**
- **Then he went around throughout the whole of Galilee, teaching**

in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity among the people. (**Matthew 4:23**)

- **He visits all the cities and villages of Galilee to preach the Good News of the Kingdom.**
- **And Jesus set out on a tour of all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. (**Matthew 9:35**)**

**He instructs his 12 disciples and sends them out to preach about the Kingdom (**Matthew 10:1**)–(**Matthew 11:1**).**

- **He reveals truths about the Kingdom, telling the parables of the sower, the wheat and weeds, the mustard grain, the leaven, treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of high value, a dragnet, workers in a vineyard, two sons, wicked cultivators, and a marriage feast for a king's son.**
- **Marriage feast for a king's son,**
- **For the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. (**Matthew 20:1**)**
- **When he had agreed with the workers for a denarius a day, he sent them forth into his vineyard. (**Matthew 20:2**)**
- **Going out also about the third hour, he saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. (**Matthew 20:3**)**
- **And to those he said; You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is just I will give you. (**Matthew 20:4**)**
- **So off they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise. (**Matthew 20:5**)**
- **Finally, about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he said to them, Why have you been standing here all day unemployed? (**Matthew 20:6**)**
- **They said to him, Because nobody has hired us. He said to them,**

- you too go into the vineyard. (**Matthew 20:7**)
- **When it became evening, the master of the vineyard said to his man in charge, Call the workers and pay them their wages, proceeding from the last to the first. (Matthew 20:8)**
  - **When the eleventh-hour men came, they each received a denarius. (Matthew 20:9)**
  - **So, when the first came, they concluded they would receive more, but they also received pay at the rate of a denarius. (Matthew 20:10)**
  - **On receiving it they began to murmur against the householder (Matthew 20:11)**
  - **And said; These last put in one hours work, still you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day and the burning heat! (Matthew 20:12)**
  - **But in reply to one of them he said; Fellow, I do you no wrong. You agreed with me for a denarius, did you not? (Matthew 20:13)**
  - **Take what is yours and go. I want to give to this last one the same as to you. (Matthew 20:14)**
  - **Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with my own things? Or is your eye wicked because I am good? (Matthew 20:15)**
  - **In this way the last ones will be first, and the first ones last. (Matthew 20:16)**
  - **Arrange feast for a king's son,**
  - **What do you think? A man had two children. Going up to the first, he said; Child, go work today in the vineyard. (Matthew 21:28)**
  - **In answer this one said; I will, sir, but did not go out. (Matthew 21:29)**
  - **Approaching the second, he said the same. In reply this one said; I will not. Afterwards he felt regret and went out.**

**(Matthew 21:30)**

- Which of the two did the will of his father? They said; The latter. Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the harlots are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. **(Matthew 21:31)**
- For John came to you in a way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and the harlots believed him, and you, although you saw this, did not feel regret afterwards so as to believe him. **(Matthew 21:32)**
- Hear another illustration. There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and erected a tower, and let it out to cultivators, and traveled abroad. **(Matthew 21:33)**
- When the season of the fruits came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. **(Matthew 21:34)**
- However, the cultivators took his slaves, and one they beat up, another they killed, another they stoned. **(Matthew 21:35)**
- Again he dispatched other slaves, more than the first, but they did the same to these. **(Matthew 21:36)**
- Lastly he dispatched his son to them, saying; They will respect my son. **(Matthew 21:37)**
- On seeing the son the cultivators said among themselves; This is the heir, come, let us kill him and get his inheritance! **(Matthew 21:38)**
- So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **(Matthew 21:39)**
- Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those cultivators? **(Matthew 21:40)**
- They said to him; Because they are evil, he will bring an evil destruction upon them and will let out the vineyard to other cultivators, who will render him the fruits when they become due. **(Matthew 21:41)**

- **Marriage feast for a king's son.**
- **In further reply Jesus again spoke to them with illustrations, saying; (Matthew 22:1)**
- **The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that made a marriage feast for his son. (Matthew 22:2)**
- **And he sent forth his slaves to call those invited to the marriage feast, but they were unwilling to come. (Matthew 22:3)**
- **Again he sent forth other slaves, saying; Tell those invited; Look! I have prepared my dinner, my bulls and fattened animals are slaughtered, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast. (Matthew 22:4)**
- **But unconcerned they went off, one to his own field, another to his commercial business. (Matthew 22:5)**
- **But the rest, laying hold of his slaves, treated them insolently and killed them. (Matthew 22:6)**
- **But the king grew wrathful, and sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. (Matthew 22:7)**
- **Then he said to his slaves; The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those invited were not worthy. (Matthew 22:8)**
- **Therefore go to the roads leading out of the city, and anyone you find invite to the marriage feast. (Matthew 22:9)**
- **Accordingly those slaves went out to the roads and gathered together all they found, both wicked and good, and the room for the wedding ceremonies was filled with those reclining at the table. (Matthew 22:10)**
- **When the king came in to inspect the guests he caught sight there of a man not clothed with a marriage garment. (Matthew 22:11)**
- **So he said to him; Fellow, how did you get in here not having on a marriage garment? He was rendered speechless. (Matthew 22:12)**



- **Then the king said to his servants; Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the darkness outside. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. (Matthew 22:13)**
- **For there are many invited, but few chosen. (Matthew 22:14)**
- **He answers his disciples question about the sign of his presence, including in his answer a forecast of global preaching of the Kingdom Good News**
- **While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things? (Matthew 24:3)**
- **And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life. (Matthew 25:46)**
- **Jesus exposes the hypocrisy of the religious leaders.**
- **He shows that they misrepresent the purpose of the Sabbath and that their traditions invalidate God's Word.**
- **He said to them; Have you not read what David did when he and the men with him got hungry? (Matthew 12:3)**
- **How he entered into the house of God and they ate the loaves of presentation, something that it was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests only? (Matthew 12:4)**
- **Or, have you not read in the Law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple treat the Sabbath as not sacred and continue guiltless? (Matthew 12:5)**
- **But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. (Matthew 12:6)**
- **However, if you had understood what this means, I want mercy, and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless ones. (Matthew 12:7)**
- **Traditions invalidate God's Word.**
- **Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes,**

saying; (**Matthew 15:1**)

- **Why is it your disciples overstep the tradition of the men of former times? For example, they do not wash their hands when about to eat a meal. (**Matthew 15:2**)**
- **In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? (**Matthew 15:3**)**
- **For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother, and, Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Matthew 15:4**)**
- **But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother; Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God. (**Matthew 15:5**)**
- **He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. (**Matthew 15:6**)**
- **You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said; (**Matthew 15:7**)**
- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (**Matthew 15:8**)**
- **It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines. (**Matthew 15:9**)**
- **With that he called the crowd near and said to them; Listen and get the sense of it. (**Matthew 15:10**)**
- **Not what enters into his mouth defiles a man, but it is what proceeds out of his mouth that defiles a man. (**Matthew 15:11**)**
- **Then the disciples came up and said to him; Do you know that the Pharisees stumbled at hearing what you said? (**Matthew 15:12**)**
- **In reply he said; Every plant that my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. (**Matthew 15:13**)**
- **Let them be. Blind guides is what they are. If, then, a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit. (**Matthew 15:14**)**

- **He exposes their lack of faith, their murderous spirit, their hypocrisy and pride.**
- **At hearing this, the Pharisees said; This fellow does not expel the demons except by means of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. (Matthew 12:24)**
- **Knowing their thoughts, he said to them; Every kingdom divided against itself comes to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (Matthew 12:25)**
- **In the same way, if Satan expels Satan, he has become divided against himself, how, then, will his kingdom stand? (Matthew 12:26)**
- **Moreover, if I expel the demons by means of Beelzebub, by means of whom do your sons expel them? This is why they will be judges of you. (Matthew 12:27)**
- **But if it is by means of God's spirit that I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (Matthew 12:28)**
- **Or how can anyone invade the house of a strong man and seize his movable goods, unless first he binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. (Matthew 12:29)**
- **He that is not on my side is against me, and he that does not gather with me scatters. (Matthew 12:30)**
- **On this account I say to you, every sort of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven. (Matthew 12:31)**
- **For example, whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, no, not in this system of things nor in that to come. (Matthew 12:32)**
- **Either you people make the tree fine and its fruit fine or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for by its fruit the tree is known. (Matthew 12:33)**
- **Offspring of vipers, how can you speak good things, when you**

are wicked? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (**Matthew 12:34**)

- The good man out of his good treasure sends out good things, whereas the wicked man out of his wicked treasure sends out wicked things. (**Matthew 12:35**)
- I tell you that every unprofitable saying that men speak, they will render an account concerning it on Judgment Day. (**Matthew 12:36**)
- For by your words you will be declared righteous, and by your words you will be condemned. (**Matthew 12:37**)
- Then as an answer to him some of the scribes and Pharisees said; Teacher, we want to see a sign from you. (**Matthew 12:38**)
- In reply he said to them; A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. (**Matthew 12:39**)
- For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. (**Matthew 12:40**)
- Men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at what Jonah preached, but, look! Something more than Jonah is here. (**Matthew 12:41**)
- The queen of the south will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but, look! Something more than Solomon is here. (**Matthew 12:42**)
- Their hypocrisy and pride,
- Here the Pharisees and Sadducees approached him and, to tempt him, they asked him to display to them a sign from heaven. (**Matthew 16:1**)
- In reply he said to them; When evening falls you are accustomed to say; It will be fair weather, for the sky is fire-red. (**Matthew 16:2**)

- **And at morning, It will be wintry, rainy weather today, for the sky is fire-red, but gloomy-looking. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but the signs of the times you cannot interpret. (Matthew 16:3)**
- **A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah. With that he went away, leaving them behind. (Matthew 16:4)**
- **Their hypocrisy and pride,**
- **This is why I say to you, The kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (Matthew 21:43)**
- **Also, the person falling upon this stone will be shattered. As for anyone upon whom it falls, it will pulverize him. (Matthew 21:44)**
- **Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees had heard his illustrations, they took note that he was speaking about them. (Matthew 21:45)**
- **The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses. (Matthew 23:2)**
- **Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. (Matthew 23:3)**
- **They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. (Matthew 23:4)**
- **All the works they do they do to be viewed by men, for they broaden the scripture-containing cases that they wear as safeguards, and enlarge the fringes of their garments. (Matthew 23:5)**
- **They like the most prominent place at evening meals and the front seats in the synagogues. (Matthew 23:6)**
- **And the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by men. (Matthew 23:7)**

- **But you, do not you be called Rabbi, for one is your teacher, whereas all you are brothers. (Matthew 23:8)**
- **Moreover, do not call anyone your father on earth, for one is your Father, the heavenly One. (Matthew 23:9)**
- **Neither be called leaders, for your Leader is one, the Christ. (Matthew 23:10)**
- **But the greatest one among you must be your minister. (Matthew 23:11)**
- **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the kingdom of the heavens before men, for you yourselves do not go in, neither do you permit those on their way in to go in. (Matthew 23:13)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you traverse sea and dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one you make him a subject for Gehenna twice as much so as yourselves. (Matthew 23:15)**
- **Woe to you, blind guides, who say; If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:16)**
- **Fools and blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gold or the temple that has sanctified the gold? (Matthew 23:17)**
- **Also, If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:18)**
- **Blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? (Matthew 23:19)**
- **Therefore he that swears by the altar is swearing by it and by all the things on it. (Matthew 23:20)**
- **And he that swears by the temple is swearing by it and by him that is inhabiting it. (Matthew 23:21)**

- **And he that swears by heaven is swearing by the throne of God and by him that is sitting on it. (Matthew 23:22)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. (Matthew 23:23)**
- **Blind guides, who strain out the gnat but gulp down the camel! (Matthew 23:24)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of plunder and immoderateness. (Matthew 23:25)**
- **Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of it also may become clean. (Matthew 23:26)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you resemble whitewashed graves, which outwardly indeed appear beautiful but inside are full of dead men's bones and of every sort of uncleanness. (Matthew 23:27)**
- **In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23:28)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the graves of the prophets and decorate the memorial tombs of the righteous ones. (Matthew 23:29)**
- **And you say; If we were in the days of our forefathers, we would not be sharers with them in the blood of the prophets. (Matthew 23:30)**
- **Therefore you are bearing witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. (Matthew 23:31)**
- **Well, then, fill up the measure of your forefathers. (Matthew 23:32)**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the**

**judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**

- **For this reason, here I am sending forth to you prophets and wise men and public instructors. Some of them you will kill and impale, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. (Matthew 23:34)**
- **That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (Matthew 23:35)**
- **Truly I say to you, All these things will come upon this generation. (Matthew 23:36)**
- **He lays bare their utter disregard for justice, mercy, and faithfulness.**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. (Matthew 23:23)**
- **Blind guides, who strain out the gnat but gulp down the camel! (Matthew 23:24)**
- **Justice, mercy, and faithfulness.**
- **But on seeing this the Pharisees began to say to his disciples; Why is it that your teacher eats with tax collectors and sinners? (Matthew 9:11)**
- **Hearing them, he said; Persons in health do not need a physician, but the ailing do. (Matthew 9:12)**
- **Go, then, and learn what this means, I want mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came to call, not righteous people, but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)**
- **Jesus gives fine counsel to his followers;**
- **In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows why his disciples would be truly happy, he warns against wrath and urges them to make**



peace with one another and to love even their enemies. He tells of the danger of adulterous thoughts. He counsels against hypocrisy, teaches how to pray, warns against materialism, and advises seeking first God's Kingdom and His righteousness. He cautions his hearers not to be overcritical, tells them to pray constantly, and urges them to realize that the road to life is narrow and that they should produce fine fruits (**Matthew 5:1**)—(**Matthew 7:27**)

- Jesus encourages humility and warns against stumbling others, he shows how to settle differences.
- In that hour the disciples came near to Jesus and said; Who really is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens? (**Matthew 18:1**)
- So, calling a young child to him, he set it in their midst (**Matthew 18:2**)
- And said; Truly I say to you, unless you turn around and become as young children, you will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens. (**Matthew 18:3**)
- Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child is the one that is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens. (**Matthew 18:4**)
- And whoever receives one such young child on the basis of my name receives me also. (**Matthew 18:5**)
- But whoever stumbles one of these little ones who put faith in me, it is more beneficial for him to have hung around his neck a millstone such as is turned by an ass and to be sunk in the wide, open sea. (**Matthew 18:6**)
- Woe to the world due to the stumbling blocks! Of course, the stumbling blocks must of necessity come, but woe to the man through whom the stumbling block comes! (**Matthew 18:7**)
- If, then, your hand or your foot is making you stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you, it is finer for you to enter into life maimed or lame than to be thrown with two hands or two feet into the everlasting fire. (**Matthew 18:8**)
- Also, if your eye is making you stumble, tear it out and throw it away from you, it is finer for you to enter one-eyed into life than

to be thrown with two eyes into the fiery Gehenna. (**Matthew 18:9**)

- See to it that you men do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. (**Matthew 18:10**)
- What do you think? If a certain man comes to have a hundred sheep and one of them gets strayed, will he not leave the ninety-nine upon the mountains and set out on a search for the one that is straying? (**Matthew 18:12**)
- And if he happens to find it, I certainly tell you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that have not strayed. (**Matthew 18:13**)
- Likewise it is not a desirable thing with my Father who is in heaven for one of these little ones to perish. (**Matthew 18:14**)
- Moreover, if your brother commits a sin, go lay bare his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. (**Matthew 18:15**)
- But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two more, in order, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. (**Matthew 18:16**)
- If he does not listen to them, speak to the congregation. If he does not listen even to the congregation, let him be to you just as a man of the nations and as a tax collector. (**Matthew 18:17**)
- Then Peter came up and said to him; Lord, how many times is my brother to sin against me and am I to forgive him? Up to seven times? (**Matthew 18:21**)
- Jesus said to him; I say to you, not, up to seven times, but, up to seventy-seven times. (**Matthew 18:22**)
- That is why the kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. (**Matthew 18:23**)
- When he started to settle them, there was brought in a man who owed him ten thousand talents equaling sixty-million denarii.

**(Matthew 18:24)**

- **But because he did not have the means to pay it back, his master ordered him and his wife and his children and all the things he had to be sold and payment to be made. (Matthew 18:25)**
- **Therefore the slave fell down and began to do obeisance to him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay back everything to you. (Matthew 18:26)**
- **Moved to pity at this, the master of that slave let him off and canceled his debt. (Matthew 18:27)**
- **But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves that was owing him a hundred denarii, and, grabbing him, he began to choke him, saying; Pay back whatever you owe. (Matthew 18:28)**
- **Therefore his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay you back. (Matthew 18:29)**
- **However, he was not willing, but went off and had him thrown into prison until he should pay back what was owing. (Matthew 18:30)**
- **When, therefore, his fellow slaves saw the things that had happened, they became very much grieved, and they went and made clear to their master all the things that had happened. (Matthew 18:31)**
- **Then his master summoned him and said to him; Wicked slave, I canceled all that debt for you, when you entreated me. (Matthew 18:32)**
- **Ought you not, in turn, to have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy on you? (Matthew 18:33)**
- **With that his master, provoked to wrath, delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay back all that was owing. (Matthew 18:34)**
- **In like manner my heavenly Father will also deal with you if you do not forgive each one his brother from your hearts. (Matthew**

**18:35)**

- **He states the Christian standard for marriage and divorce;**
- **And Pharisees came up to him, intent on tempting him and saying; Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on every sort of ground? (Matthew 19:3)**
- **In reply he said; Did you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female (Matthew 19:4)**
- **And said; For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh? (Matthew 19:5)**
- **So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has yoked together let no man put apart. (Matthew 19:6)**
- **They said to him; Why, then, did Moses prescribe giving a certificate of dismissal and divorcing her? (Matthew 19:7)**
- **He said to them; Moses, out of regard for your hardheartedness, made the concession to you of divorcing your wives, but such has not been the case from the beginning. (Matthew 19:8)**
- **I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except on the ground of fornication, and marries another commits adultery. (Matthew 19:9)**

### **•• The Death And Resurrection Of God's Son**

- **On Passover night, Jesus institutes the Memorial of his coming death.**
- **As they continued eating, Jesus took a loaf and, after saying a blessing, he broke it and, giving it to the disciples, he said; Take, eat. This means my body. (Matthew 26:26)**
- **Also, he took a cup and, having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying; Drink out of it, all of you. (Matthew 26:27)**
- **For this means my blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out in behalf of many for forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:28)**

- **But I tell you, I will by no means drink henceforth any of this product of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father. (Matthew 26:29)**
- **Finally, after singing praises, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Matthew 26:30)**
- **Betrayed and arrested, he is judged worthy of death by the Sanhedrin.**
- **Get up, let us go. Look! My betrayer has drawn near. (Matthew 26:46)**
- **And while he was yet speaking, look! Judas, one of the twelve, came and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and older men of the people. (Matthew 26:47)**
- **Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying; Whoever it is I kiss, this is he. Take him into custody. (Matthew 26:48)**
- **And going straight up to Jesus he said; Good day, Rabbi! and kissed him very tenderly. (Matthew 26:49)**
- **But Jesus said to him; Fellow, for what purpose are you present? Then they came forward and laid hands on Jesus and took him into custody. (Matthew 26:50)**
- **But, look! One of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword and struck the slave of the High Priest and took off his ear. (Matthew 26:51)**
- **Then Jesus said to him; Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword. (Matthew 26:52)**
- **Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father to supply me at this moment more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53)**
- **In that case, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must take place this way? (Matthew 26:54)**
- **In that hour Jesus said to the crowds; Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber to arrest me? Day after day**

- I used to sit in the temple teaching, and yet you did not take me into custody. (**Matthew 26:55**)
- But all this has taken place for the scriptures of the prophets to be fulfilled. Then all the disciples abandoned him and fled. (**Matthew 26:56**)
  - Those who took Jesus into custody led him away to Caiaphas the High Priest, where the scribes and the older men were gathered together. (**Matthew 26:57**)
  - But Peter kept following him at a good distance, as far as the courtyard of the High Priest, and, after going inside, he was sitting with the house attendants to see the outcome. (**Matthew 26:58**)
  - Meantime the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were looking for false witness against Jesus in order to put him to death. (**Matthew 26:59**)
  - But they found none, although many false witnesses came forward. Later on two came forward (**Matthew 26:60**)
  - And said; This man said; I am able to throw down the temple of God and build it up in three days. (**Matthew 26:61**)
  - With that the High Priest stood up and said to him; Have you no answer? What is it these are testifying against you? (**Matthew 26:62**)
  - But Jesus kept silent. So the High Priest said to him; By the living God I put you under oath to tell us whether you are the Christ the Son of God! (**Matthew 26:63**)
  - Jesus said to him; You yourself said it. Yet I say to you men, From henceforth you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven. (**Matthew 26:64**)
  - Then the High Priest ripped his outer garments, saying; He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? See! Now you have heard the blasphemy. (**Matthew 26:65**)
  - What is your opinion? They returned answer; He is liable to

death. (**Matthew 26:66**)

- He is examined by Pilate, then whipped, mocked, and impaled
- And, after binding him, they led him off and handed him over to Pilate the governor. (**Matthew 27:2**)
- Jesus now stood before the governor, and the governor put the question to him; Are you the king of the Jews? Jesus replied; You yourself say it. (**Matthew 27:11**)
- But, while he was being accused by the chief priests and older men, he made no answer. (**Matthew 27:12**)
- Then Pilate said to him; Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you? (**Matthew 27:13**)
- Yet he did not answer him, no, not a word, so that the governor wondered very much. (**Matthew 27:14**)
- Now from festival to festival it was the custom of the governor to release a prisoner to the crowd, the one they wanted. (**Matthew 27:15**)
- Just at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. (**Matthew 27:16**)
- Hence when they were gathered together Pilate said to them; Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas or Jesus the so-called Christ? (**Matthew 27:17**)
- For he was aware that out of envy they had handed him over. (**Matthew 27:18**)
- Moreover, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent out to him, saying; Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I suffered a lot today in a dream because of him. (**Matthew 27:19**)
- But the chief priests and the older men persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, but to have Jesus destroyed. (**Matthew 27:20**)
- Now in responding the governor said to them; Which of the two do you want me to release to you? They said; Barabbas.

**(Matthew 27:21)**

- Pilate said to them; What, then, shall I do with Jesus the so-called Christ? They all said; Let him be impaled! **(Matthew 27:22)**
- He said; Why, what bad thing did he do? Still they kept crying out all the more; Let him be impaled! **(Matthew 27:23)**
- Seeing that it did no good but, rather, an uproar was arising, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying; I am innocent of the blood of this man. You yourselves must see to it. **(Matthew 27:24)**
- At that all the people said in answer; His blood come upon us and upon our children. **(Matthew 27:25)**
- Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be impaled. **(Matthew 27:26)**
- Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's palace and gathered the whole body of troops together to him. **(Matthew 27:27)**
- And disrobing him, they draped him with a scarlet cloak. **(Matthew 27:28)**
- And they braided a crown out of thorns and put it on his head and a reed in his right hand. And, kneeling before him, they made fun of him, saying; Good day, you King of the Jews! **(Matthew 27:29)**
- And they spit upon him and took the reed and began hitting him upon his head. **(Matthew 27:30)**
- Finally, when they had made fun of him, they took the cloak off and put his outer garments upon him and led him off for impaling. **(Matthew 27:31)**
- As they were going out they found a native of Cyrene named Simon. This man they impressed into service to lift up his torture stake. **(Matthew 27:32)**
- And when they came to a place called Golgotha, that is to say;



Skull Place. (**Matthew 27:33**)

- They gave him wine mixed with gall to drink, but, after tasting it, he refused to drink. (**Matthew 27:34**)
- When they had impaled him they distributed his outer garments by casting lots. (**Matthew 27:35**)
- And, as they sat, they watched over him there. (**Matthew 27:36**)
- Also, they posted above his head the charge against him, in writing. This is Jesus the King of the Jews. (**Matthew 27:37**)
- Then two robbers were impaled with him, one on his right and one on his left. (**Matthew 27:38**)
- So the passersby began speaking abusively of him, wagging their heads (**Matthew 27:39**)
- And saying; O you would-be thrower-down of the temple and builder of it in three days, save yourself! If you are a son of God, come down off the torture stake! (**Matthew 27:40**)
- In like manner also the chief priests with the scribes and older men began making fun of him and saying; (**Matthew 27:41**)
- Others he saved, himself he cannot save! He is King of Israel, let him now come down off the torture stake and we will believe on him. (**Matthew 27:42**)
- He has put his trust in God, let Him now rescue him if He wants him, for he said; I am God's Son. (**Matthew 27:43**)
- In the same way even the robbers that were impaled together with him began reproaching him. (**Matthew 27:44**)
- From the sixth hour on a darkness fell over all the land, until the ninth hour. (**Matthew 27:45**)
- About the ninth hour Jesus called out with a loud voice, saying; Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is, **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** (**Matthew 27:46**)
- At hearing this, some of those standing there began to say; This

man is calling Elijah. (**Matthew 27:47**)

- **And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and soaked it with sour wine and put it on a reed and went giving him a drink. (**Matthew 27:48**)**
- **But the rest of them said; Let him be! Let us see whether Elijah comes to save him. Another man took a spear and pierced his side, and blood and water came out. (**Matthew 27:49**)**
- **Again Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. (**Matthew 27:50**)**
- **And, look! The curtain of the sanctuary was rent in two, from top to bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rock-masses were split. (**Matthew 27:51**)**
- **And the memorial tombs were opened and many bodies of the holy ones that had fallen asleep were raised up. (**Matthew 27:52**)**
- **And persons, coming out from among the memorial tombs after his being raised up, entered into the holy city, and they became visible to many people. (**Matthew 27:53**)**
- **But the army officer and those with him watching over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things happening, grew very much afraid, saying; Certainly this was God's Son. (**Matthew 27:54**)**
- **Jesus is buried. He is resurrected and appears to his followers, he commissions them to go and make disciples of people of all nations (**Matthew 27:57**)–(**Matthew 28:20**)**