

Gospel of Matthew

Adult Bible Course

I. BIBLE STUDY DESCRIPTION:

We shall spend time in this course studying the life of Christ. What He did, what He taught and most important to this writer, how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning the Messiah.

II. BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES:

Our basic objective is to bring each individual to a basic understanding and knowledge of the content of this book and then apply its teachings to our everyday lives. In this way, we will grow in Christ as we grow in knowledge and change our behavior to conform to His will.

III. ASSIGNMENTS:

The purpose of these assignments is to give you the opportunity to become familiar with the material and then to be able to ask questions that will help you gain a better understanding of God's Word. To gain the greatest benefit, it is vital that you do as many of these assignments as possible since ALL the material cannot be covered in our discussions.

- A. Read the material that will be discussed the following week.
- B. Complete the appropriate study guide
- C. Attend & participate in the study each week.
- D. Write an outline of the book and conclude with how you have benefited from studying it.
- E. Review the previous week(s) material

IV. SCHEDULE:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Introduction, Background and Matthew 1
2	Matthew 2-4
3	Matthew 5-7
4	Matthew 8-10
5	Matthew 11-13
6	Matthew 14-16
7	Matthew 17-20
8	Matthew 21,22
9	Matthew 23-25
10	Matthew 26
11	Matthew 27
12	Matthew 28

COMMENTARY

MATTHEW 1: vs. 1-17

Matthew presents the record concerning the ancestry of Jesus, following the lineage of Joseph (as was customary among the Jewish people--to whom Matthew was writing). This ancestry is vital to the case that Matthew is presenting. If Jesus was not of David's and Abraham's ancestry then He could not be the Messiah.

There are many notable people among the list: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rahab*, Boaz, Ruth*, David, Solomon, and wife of Uriah* (*-represents women). These individuals are noted for their faith in God and/or for their sin. [It is important to realize that no matter what evil we have committed, God can still use us if we will repent and are willing to be used by Him] By the end of the list, all skeptics are silenced by the fact that Jesus IS A DESCENDANT OF DAVID AND ABRAHAM!

vs. 18-25

Matthew now recounts how Mary was with child, through the miracle wrought by the Holy Spirit. Since they were espoused, the only way that their relationship could be broken was through divorce. Joseph, even though not married, was considered her husband and he was going to divorce her quietly rather than have her publicly disgraced.

The Lord once again intervenes, by sending an angel to speak to Joseph. He was informed that the child was wrought by miracle and was instructed to marry Mary, name the child Jesus (meaning: the Lord saves), and was further informed that this child would save his people from sin. Matthew points out that this was another fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 7:14). Joseph was obedient to the Lord's command.

STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 1:

1. Whose genealogy is given?
2. Who are the 3 "Fathers of the Israelites" mentioned in vs 2 (1st 3 names)
3. What women are mentioned in verse 5?
4. Who is the first King, mentioned?
5. What are the 3 timespans, where 14 generations took place?
6. What was Mary and Joseph's relationship, when she was found to be with child?
7. What did Joseph plan to do?
8. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream?
9. How was Joseph told the child was conceived?
10. What would Jesus do?
11. Why did all this take place?
12. What does Immanuel, mean?

BONUS:

1. What lessons can be learned from the inclusion of sinners in Jesus' genealogy?
2. Of what importance is Jesus' genealogy to Christians?
3. What can be learned from Joseph?

