



NEW TESTAMENT • GOSPELS

Matthew

Jesus, Israel's Messiah and the world's King.

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The big picture

Matthew connects the story of Jesus with Israel's Scriptures. Jesus announces God's kingdom, teaches a deeper righteousness, welcomes the overlooked, and confronts religious hypocrisy. His parables invite a response that reaches beyond outward appearances. Though rejected and crucified, he rises and sends his followers to make disciples of all nations. The promised King is also Emmanuel: God with us.

Words to carry

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33 · KJV

Live it

01 Read the Beatitudes and choose one posture to practice today.

02 Make a private act of generosity without seeking recognition.

03 Encourage someone taking their first steps in following Jesus.

Pause & reflect

Where might seeking God's kingdom change the way I spend my attention?

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