

# A LOOK AT THE BOOK MATTHEW

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## AUTHOR AND DATE

Who wrote it? Argument from tradition

When? Sometime between A.D. 40 and 70

Synoptic problem–which came first? Matthew placed first because of primacy of message.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Reconstruction

400 years of silence

Discontent under Rome's dominion

Messianic expectancy

Messianic coming

Messianic crucifixion

Frustrated expectancy–Why?

Destruction of Jerusalem

## PURPOSE AND THEME

Attempt to resolve problem of frustrated expectancy: What happened to God's plan?

For non-Christian Jewish people

For Christian Jewish people

### Two major themes:

1. Jesus was the promised Messiah.
2. What happened to God's plan for His people Israel?

### Three main purposes:

1. That the Jewish reader might recognize who Jesus is and trust Him.
2. That the early church might understand their place in God's program.
3. That they might take the message Matthew had delivered and use it to make disciples of all peoples, as Jesus commanded.

## APPLICATION

*What lessons should we apply to our own lives on the basis of this book's message?*

# MATTHEW

## What Happened to God's Plan?

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Messianic Authentication	Messianic Ministry	Messianic Rejection Foreseen	Messianic Opposition	Messianic Presentation	Messianic Rejection Fulfilled	Messianic Resurrection
1-7	8-10	11-13:52	13:53-18:35	19-25	26-27	28
<b>His credentials</b> 1-4  His genealogy 1:1-17 His birth 1:18-25 The magi 2:1-12 His origins 2:13-23 John the Baptist 3:1-12 His baptism 3:13-17 Satan 4:1-11 His followers 4:12-22 His works 4:23-25  <b>His proclamation</b> 5-7  Description of the accepted 5:1-16 Relation with the religious 5:17-7:6 Jesus and the law 5:17-20 Rejection of tradition 5:21-48 Rejection of practice 6-7:6 Instruction for the accepted 7:7-27	<b>Expectations fulfilled</b> 8-9  Power over illness 8:1-17 Demands of followers 8:18-22 Power over nature 8:23-27 Power over demons 8:28-34 Power to forgive sin 9:1-8 Power to change lives 9:9-13 Power over tradition 9:14-17 Power over death 9:18-26 Power over blindness 9:27-31 Power over speech impairment 9:32-34 Compassion for the crowds 9:35-37  <b>Disciples' response</b> 10  Their calling 10:1-4 Their commission 10:5-10 Their significance 10:11-42	<b>Two alternatives</b> 11  John's choice 11:1-15  Others' choice 11:16-24  Invitation to accept Him 11:25-30  <b>Reciprocal rejection</b> 12  Israel's rejection of Jesus 12:1-45  Jesus' rejection of Israel 12:46-50  <b>Results of rejection</b> 13:1-52  Public parables 13:1-43  Private parables 13:44-52	<b>Description of opposition</b> 13:53-16:13  Opposition in Nazareth 13:53-58  Opposition fore-shadowed by Herod 14  Opposition by scribes and Pharisees 15  Opposition by Pharisees and Sadducees 16:1-12  <b>Implications of opposition</b> 16:13-18:35  Private confirmation 16:13-17:21 Revelation of Jesus' Person 16:13-16 Revelation of Jesus' program 16:17-26 Revelation of Jesus' kingdom 16:27-17:21  Private instruction 17:22-18:35 Prediction of His death 17:22-23 Precaution about offending 17:24-18:14 Preparation for offense from others 18:15-35	<b>Formal presentation</b> 19-21:17  Road to Jerusalem 19:1-20:34  Triumphal entry 21:1-11  Temple ministry 21:12-17  <b>Formal rejection</b> 21:18-22:46  Rejection of the nation 21:18-22  Opposition from the nation 21:23-22:46  <b>Formal response</b> 23-25  Proclamation of judgment 23  Prediction of judgment 24-25	<b>Preparation for His death</b> 26:1-46  <b>His arrest and trial</b> 26:47-27:26  <b>His crucifixion</b> 27:27-66	<b>Fact of the resurrection</b> 28:1-10  <b>Unbelief concerning the resurrection</b> 28:11-15  <b>Challenge for future ministry</b> 28:16-20