

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

1 of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
2 David, the son of Abraham,
3 Abraham was born Isaac; and to
4 Isaac and to Jacob, Judah and his
5 sons were born Perez and Ze-
6 lophon, Ram;
7 and to Ram was born Amminadab;
8 Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nah-
9 shon was born Boaz by Ra-
10 thel; and Boaz was born Obed by Ruth;
11 and Obed was born David the king;
12 and David was born Solomon by her
13 wife of Uriah;
14 and Solomon was born Rehoboam;
15 Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah
16 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat;
17 Jehoshaphat, Azariah; and to Azariah
18 and to Uzziah was born Jotham;
19 Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;
20 Hezekiah, Manasseh; and to Manasseh,
21 Amon; and to Amon, Josiah;
22 Josiah, Jechoniah; and to Jechoniah,
23 Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;
24 Zerubbabel, Hananiah; and to Hananiah,
25 Mattathias; and to Mattathias,
26 Jacob; and to Jacob, Joseph the husband
27 of Mary; and Jesus was born of her,
28 who was called a virgin;
29 that which has been conceived in her is of
30 the Holy Spirit.
31 And she will bear a Son; and you shall
32 call His name Jesus, for it is He who will
33 save His people from their sins.
34 Now all this took place that what was
35 spoken by the Lord through the prophet
36 might be fulfilled, saying,
37 "Behold, the virgin shall be with
38 child, and shall bear a Son, and they
39 shall call His name Immanuel;"
40 which translated means, "God with us."
41 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and
42 did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
43 and he took her as his wife, and
44 bore a Son; and he called His name Jesus.
45 Chapter 1

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TWO BLIND MEN RECEIVE SIGHT

MATTHEW CHAPTER 20:29 - 34

AS JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE LEAVING JERICH0, A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM. TWO BLIND MEN WERE SITTING BY THE ROADSIDE, AND WHEN THEY HEARD THAT JESUS WAS GOING BY, THEY SHOUTED, "LORD, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON US!"

THE CROWD REBUKED THEM AND TOLD THEM TO BE QUIET, BUT THEY SHOUTED ALL THE LOUDER, "LORD, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON US!"

JESUS STOPPED AND CALLED THEM.
"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?" HE ASKED.

"LORD," THEY ANSWERED, "WE WANT OUR SIGHT."

JESUS HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND TOUCHED THEIR EYES. IMMEDIATELY THEY RECEIVED THEIR SIGHT AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:1-5

AS THEY APPROACHED JERUSALEM AND CAME TO BETHPHAGE ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, JESUS SENT TWO DISCIPLES, SAYING TO THEM,
"GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF YOU, AND AT ONCE YOU WILL FIND A DONKEY TIED THERE, WITH HER COLT BY HER. UNTIE THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME. IF ANYONE SAYS ANYTHING TO YOU, TELL HIM THAT THE LORD NEEDS THEM, AND HE WILL SEND THEM RIGHT AWAY."

THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET:
"SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,
'SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU,
GENTLE AND RIDING ON A DONKEY,
ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.' "

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"GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF YOU, AND AT ONCE YOU WILL FIND A DONKEY

~~AND THERE WILL BE COLT TIED. UNLASH THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME.~~

ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION!
SHOUT, DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!
SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU,
RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION,
GENTLE AND RIDING ON A DONKEY,
ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.

I WILL TAKE AWAY THE CHARIOTS FROM EPHRAIM
AND THE WAR-HORSES FROM JERUSALEM,
AND THE BATTLE BOW WILL BE BROKEN.
HE WILL PROCLAIM PEACE TO THE NATIONS.
HIS RULE WILL EXTEND FROM SEA TO SEA
AND FROM THE RIVER TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:6-11

THE DISCIPLES WENT AND DID AS JESUS HAD INSTRUCTED THEM. THEY BROUGHT THE DONKEY AND THE COLT, PLACED THEIR CLOAKS ON THEM, AND JESUS SAT ON THEM. A VERY LARGE CROWD SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD, WHILE OTHERS CUT BRANCHES FROM THE TREES AND SPREAD THEM ON THE ROAD. THE CROWDS THAT WENT AHEAD OF HIM AND THOSE THAT FOLLOWED SHOUTED,

"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!"

"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

"HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!"

WHEN JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM, THE WHOLE CITY WAS STIRRED AND ASKED, "WHO IS THIS?"

THE CROWDS ANSWERED, "THIS IS JESUS, THE PROPHET FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:12-17

JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE AREA AND DROVE OUT ALL WHO WERE BUYING AND SELLING THERE. HE OVERTURNED THE TABLES OF THE MONEY CHANGERS AND THE BENCHES OF THOSE SELLING DOVES. "IT IS WRITTEN," HE SAID TO THEM, " 'MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' BUT YOU ARE MAKING IT A 'DEN OF ROBBERS.' "

THE BLIND AND THE LAME CAME TO HIM AT THE TEMPLE, AND HE HEALED THEM. BUT WHEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAW THE WONDERFUL THINGS HE DID AND THE CHILDREN SHOUTING IN THE TEMPLE AREA, "HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID," THEY WERE INDIGNANT.

"DO YOU HEAR WHAT THESE CHILDREN ARE SAYING?" THEY ASKED HIM. "YES," REPLIED JESUS, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ, " 'FROM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN AND INFANTS YOU HAVE ORDAINED PRAISE' ? "

AND HE LEFT THEM AND WENT OUT OF THE CITY TO BETHANY, WHERE HE SPENT THE NIGHT.

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MALACHI 3:1-4

"SEE, I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER, WHO WILL PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME. THEN SUDDENLY THE LORD YOU ARE SEEKING WILL COME TO HIS TEMPLE; THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT, WHOM YOU DESIRE, WILL COME," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

BUT WHO CAN ENDURE THE DAY OF HIS COMING? WHO CAN STAND WHEN HE APPEARS? FOR HE WILL BE LIKE A REFINER'S FIRE OR A LAUNDERER'S SOAP. HE WILL SIT AS A REFINER AND PURIFIER OF SILVER; HE WILL PURIFY THE LEVITES AND REFINE THEM LIKE GOLD AND SILVER. THEN THE LORD WILL HAVE MEN WHO WILL BRING OFFERINGS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE OFFERINGS OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD, AS IN DAYS GONE BY, AS IN FORMER YEARS.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:18-22

EARLY IN THE MORNING, AS HE WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE CITY, HE WAS HUNGRY. SEEING A FIG TREE BY THE ROAD, HE WENT UP TO IT BUT FOUND NOTHING ON IT EXCEPT LEAVES. THEN HE SAID TO IT, "MAY YOU NEVER BEAR FRUIT AGAIN!" IMMEDIATELY THE TREE WITHERED.

WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW THIS, THEY WERE AMAZED.
"HOW DID THE FIG TREE WITHER SO QUICKLY?" THEY ASKED.

JESUS REPLIED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF YOU HAVE FAITH AND DO NOT DOUBT, NOT ONLY CAN YOU DO WHAT WAS DONE TO THE FIG TREE, BUT ALSO YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'GO, THROW YOURSELF INTO THE SEA,' AND IT WILL BE DONE. IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:23-27

JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE COURTS, AND, WHILE HE WAS TEACHING, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE CAME TO HIM.

"BY WHAT AUTHORITY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS?" THEY ASKED.

"AND WHO GAVE YOU THIS AUTHORITY?"

JESUS REPLIED, "I WILL ALSO ASK YOU ONE QUESTION. IF YOU ANSWER ME, I WILL TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I AM DOING THESE THINGS.

JOHN'S BAPTISM—WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?"

THEY DISCUSSED IT AMONG THEMSELVES AND SAID,

"IF WE SAY, 'FROM HEAVEN,' HE WILL ASK, 'THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU BELIEVE HIM?'

BUT IF WE SAY, 'FROM MEN'—WE ARE AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THEY ALL HOLD THAT JOHN WAS A PROPHET."

SO THEY ANSWERED JESUS, "WE DON'T KNOW."

THEN HE SAID, "NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I AM DOING THESE THINGS.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:28-32

"WHAT DO YOU THINK? THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD TWO SONS.
HE WENT TO THE FIRST AND SAID,

'SON, GO AND WORK TODAY IN THE VINEYARD.'

" 'I WILL NOT,' HE ANSWERED,
BUT LATER HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WENT.

"THEN THE FATHER WENT TO THE OTHER SON AND SAID THE SAME THING.
HE ANSWERED, 'I WILL, SIR,' BUT HE DID NOT GO.

"WHICH OF THE TWO DID WHAT HIS FATHER WANTED?"

"THE FIRST," THEY ANSWERED.

JESUS SAID TO THEM, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND THE
PROSTITUTES ARE ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AHEAD OF YOU.
FOR JOHN CAME TO YOU TO SHOW YOU THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM, BUT THE TAX COLLECTORS AND THE
PROSTITUTES DID. AND EVEN AFTER YOU SAW THIS,
YOU DID NOT REPENT AND BELIEVE HIM."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:33-41

"LISTEN TO ANOTHER PARABLE: THERE WAS A LANDOWNER WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD. HE PUT A WALL AROUND IT, DUG A WINEPRESS IN IT AND BUILT A WATCHTOWER. THEN HE RENTED THE VINEYARD TO SOME FARMERS AND WENT AWAY ON A JOURNEY. WHEN THE HARVEST TIME APPROACHED, HE SENT HIS SERVANTS TO THE TENANTS TO COLLECT HIS FRUIT.

"THE TENANTS SEIZED HIS SERVANTS; THEY BEAT ONE, KILLED ANOTHER, AND STONED A THIRD. THEN HE SENT OTHER SERVANTS TO THEM, MORE THAN THE FIRST TIME, AND THE TENANTS TREATED THEM THE SAME WAY. LAST OF ALL, HE SENT HIS SON TO THEM. 'THEY WILL RESPECT MY SON,' HE SAID.

"BUT WHEN THE TENANTS SAW THE SON, THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER, 'THIS IS THE HEIR. COME, LET'S KILL HIM AND TAKE HIS INHERITANCE.' SO THEY TOOK HIM AND THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM.

"THEREFORE, WHEN THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD COMES, WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOSE TENANTS?"

"HE WILL BRING THOSE WRETCHES TO A WRETCHED END," THEY REPLIED, "AND HE WILL RENT THE VINEYARD TO OTHER TENANTS, WHO WILL GIVE HIM HIS SHARE OF THE CROP AT HARVEST TIME."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 21:42-46

"JESUS SAID TO THEM, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE SCRIPTURES:

" 'THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CAPSTONE;
THE LORD HAS DONE THIS,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?

"THEREFORE I TELL YOU THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY
FROM YOU AND GIVEN TO A PEOPLE WHO WILL PRODUCE ITS FRUIT.
HE WHO FALLS ON THIS STONE WILL BE BROKEN TO PIECES,
BUT HE ON WHOM IT FALLS WILL BE CRUSHED."

WHEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES HEARD JESUS' PARABLES,
THEY KNEW HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THEM. THEY LOOKED FOR A WAY TO
ARREST HIM, BUT THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE CROWD BECAUSE THE PEOPLE
HELD THAT HE WAS A PROPHET.

PSALM 118:20-28

THIS IS THE GATE OF THE LORD
THROUGH WHICH THE RIGHTEOUS MAY ENTER.

I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR YOU ANSWERED ME;
YOU HAVE BECOME MY SALVATION.

THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CAPSTONE;
THE LORD HAS DONE THIS,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

O LORD, SAVE US;
O LORD, GRANT US SUCCESS.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD WE BLESS YOU.

THE LORD IS GOD,
AND HE HAS MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE UPON US.
WITH BOUGHS IN HAND, JOIN IN THE FESTAL PROCESSION
UP TO THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR.

YOU ARE MY GOD, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS;
YOU ARE MY GOD, AND I WILL EXALT YOU.



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