

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

... of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
... the son of Abraham,
... Abraham was born Isaac; and to
... Isaac and to Jacob, Judah and his
... sons Judah were born Perez and Ze-
... lophon; and to Perez was born Hez-
... rai, and to Hezrai was born Ram,
... and to Ram was born Amminadab;
... and to Amminadab was born Nahshon;
... and to Nahshon was born Salmon;
... and to Salomon was born Boaz by Ra-
... hul the daughter of Uriah;
... and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth;
... and to Obed was born David the king;
... and to David was born Solomon by her
... name Bathsheba the daughter of
... Uriah;
... and to Solomon was born Rehoboam;
... and to Rehoboam was born Abiath;
... and to Abiath was born Asa;
... and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat;
... and to Jehoshaphat was born Joram;
... and to Joram was born Ozias;
... and to Ozias was born Joash;
... and to Joash was born Amazias;
... and to Amazias was born Uzziah;
... and to Uzziah was born Jotham;
... and to Jotham was born Ahaz;
... and to Ahaz was born Hezekiah;
... and to Hezekiah was born Manasse;
... and to Manasse was born Amon;
... and to Amon was born Josiah;
... and to Josiah was born Jechonias;
... and to Jechonias was born Shealtiel;
... and to Shealtiel was born Josedech;
... and to Josedech was born Jesus.

... that which has been conceived in her is of
... the Holy Spirit.
21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall
... call His name Jesus, for it is He who will
... save His people from their sins. [He who will
... spoken by the Lord through the prophet
22 Now all this took place that what was
23 "Behold, the virgin shall
... conceive, and shall bear a Son; and you
... shall call His name Emmanuel, which
... translated means, 'God with us,' or 'God
24 And among you were some who were
... saying, 'How can this be? For a virgin shall
... bear a Son?' But Jesus answered and said
25 'and have you not read the saying of
... the Lord, 'Behold, I have commanded the
... clouds, and they shall give rain; and I
... have said to the fig tree, 'Bring forth
... thy fruit, and thou shalt bring forth
... figs; and to the olive tree, 'Bring
... forth thy fruit, and thou shalt bring
... forth olives.' So shall it be in the
... days of the Son of Man.'

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MATTHEW CHAPTER 22:1-7

JESUS SPOKE TO THEM AGAIN IN PARABLES, SAYING:

"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A KING WHO PREPARED A WEDDING BANQUET FOR HIS SON. HE SENT HIS SERVANTS TO THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE BANQUET TO TELL THEM TO COME, BUT THEY REFUSED TO COME.

"THEN HE SENT SOME MORE SERVANTS AND SAID, 'TELL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED THAT I HAVE PREPARED MY DINNER: MY OXEN AND FATTENED CATTLE HAVE BEEN BUTCHERED, AND EVERYTHING IS READY. COME TO THE WEDDING BANQUET.'

"BUT THEY PAID NO ATTENTION AND WENT OFF – ONE TO HIS FIELD, ANOTHER TO HIS BUSINESS. THE REST SEIZED HIS SERVANTS, MISTREATED THEM AND KILLED THEM. THE KING WAS ENRAGED. HE SENT HIS ARMY AND DESTROYED THOSE MURDERERS AND BURNED THEIR CITY.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 22:8-14

"THEN HE SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, 'THE WEDDING BANQUET IS READY, BUT THOSE I INVITED DID NOT DESERVE TO COME. GO TO THE STREET CORNERS AND INVITE TO THE BANQUET ANYONE YOU FIND.' SO THE SERVANTS WENT OUT INTO THE STREETS AND GATHERED ALL THE PEOPLE THEY COULD FIND, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, AND THE WEDDING HALL WAS FILLED WITH GUESTS.

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"BUT WHEN THE KING CAME IN TO SEE THE GUESTS, HE NOTICED A MAN THERE WHO WAS NOT WEARING WEDDING CLOTHES.

'FRIEND,' HE ASKED, 'HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE WITHOUT WEDDING CLOTHES?' THE MAN WAS SPEECHLESS.

"THEN THE KING TOLD THE ATTENDANTS, 'TIE HIM HAND AND FOOT, AND THROW HIM OUTSIDE, INTO THE DARKNESS, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.'

"FOR MANY ARE INVITED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 22:15-22

THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND LAID PLANS TO TRAP HIM IN HIS WORDS.
THEY SENT THEIR DISCIPLES TO HIM ALONG WITH THE HERODIANS.

"TEACHER," THEY SAID, "WE KNOW YOU ARE A MAN OF INTEGRITY
AND THAT YOU TEACH THE WAY OF GOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUTH.
YOU AREN'T SWAYED BY MEN, BECAUSE YOU PAY NO ATTENTION TO WHO THEY
ARE. TELL US THEN, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?
IS IT RIGHT TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR OR NOT?"

BUT JESUS, KNOWING THEIR EVIL INTENT, SAID, "YOU HYPOCRITES, WHY ARE
YOU TRYING TO TRAP ME? SHOW ME THE COIN USED FOR PAYING THE TAX."
THEY BROUGHT HIM A DENARIUS, AND HE ASKED THEM,
"WHOSE PORTRAIT IS THIS? AND WHOSE INSCRIPTION?"

"CAESAR'S," THEY REPLIED.
THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S."

WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY WERE AMAZED.
SO THEY LEFT HIM AND WENT AWAY.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 22:23-33

THAT SAME DAY THE SADDUCEES, WHO SAY THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, CAME TO HIM WITH A QUESTION.

"TEACHER," THEY SAID, "MOSES TOLD US THAT IF A MAN DIES WITHOUT HAVING CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER MUST MARRY THE WIDOW AND HAVE CHILDREN FOR HIM. NOW THERE WERE SEVEN BROTHERS AMONG US. THE FIRST ONE MARRIED AND DIED, AND SINCE HE HAD NO CHILDREN, HE LEFT HIS WIFE TO HIS BROTHER. THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO THE SECOND AND THIRD BROTHER, RIGHT ON DOWN TO THE SEVENTH. FINALLY, THE WOMAN DIED. NOW THEN, AT THE RESURRECTION, WHOSE WIFE WILL SHE BE OF THE SEVEN, SINCE ALL OF THEM WERE MARRIED TO HER?"

JESUS REPLIED, "YOU ARE IN ERROR BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES OR THE POWER OF GOD. AT THE RESURRECTION PEOPLE WILL NEITHER MARRY NOR BE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE; THEY WILL BE LIKE THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN. BUT ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD—HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT GOD SAID TO YOU, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD BUT OF THE LIVING."

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JESUS REPLIED: " 'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. '

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DEUTERONOMY 6:5

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 22:41-46

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"WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHRIST? WHOSE SON IS HE?"

"THE SON OF DAVID," THEY REPLIED.

HE SAID TO THEM, "HOW IS IT THEN THAT DAVID, SPEAKING BY THE SPIRIT,
CALLS HIM 'LORD'? FOR HE SAYS,

" 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD:
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PSALM 110:1, 4

"THE LORD SAYS TO MY LORD:
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.

THE LORD HAS SWORN
AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND:
"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER,
IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."



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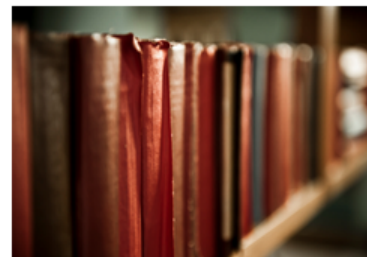


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