



Walking with Jesus: A Journey through Matthew

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Welcome to Walking with Jesus: A Journey Through Matthew

In this seven-week sermon series, we explore essential themes of our Christian faith and discipleship, rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus.

The book of Matthew was written by Matthew, who was also called Levi, though some scholars suggest a different author. It was written in Greek for a Greek-speaking Jewish-Christian audience. Matthew tells the story of Jesus as the Messiah sent by God to fulfill the prophecies found in the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of Jesus in three key parts: the birth and preparation for ministry of Jesus (Matthew 1:1–4:16), Jesus' public ministry (Matthew 4:17–16:20), and Jesus' passion and resurrection (Matthew 16:21–28:20).

Key themes in Matthew include the Kingdom of Heaven, the Sermon on the Mount, the miracles of Jesus, and conflict with the religious authorities.

As you read each day, notice what words or images jump out at you. Make a note of questions you have. You may wish to use the S.O.A.P. method, which is a simple Bible study framework:

Scripture (write out a verse that speaks to you)

Observation (what does it say or mean?)

Application (how does it apply to my life?)

Pray (pray about the insights gained)

Blessings on your journey!

Week 1

Sunday, January 04

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, January 05

Assigned Reading: Matthew 1

Tuesday, January 06

Assigned Reading: Matthew 2

Wednesday, January 07

Assigned Reading: Matthew 3

Thursday, January 08

Assigned Reading: Matthew 4

Friday, January 09

Assigned Reading: Matthew 5

Saturday, January 10

Assigned Reading: Matthew 6

Week 2

Sunday, January 11

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, January 12

Assigned Reading: Matthew 7

Tuesday, January 13

Assigned Reading: Matthew 8

Wednesday, January 14

Assigned Reading: Matthew 9

Thursday, January 15

Assigned Reading: Matthew 10

Friday, January 16

Assigned Reading: Matthew 11

Saturday, January 17

Assigned Reading: Matthew 12

Week 3

Sunday, January 18

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, January 19

Assigned Reading: Matthew 13

Tuesday, January 20

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Parables of the Kingdom

Jesus teaches in parables, revealing a kingdom that grows quietly, takes root in receptive hearts, and is worth everything we have (Matthew 13).

Tuesday, January 20 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Parables of the Kingdom

1. Which parable from this section lingers with you the most, and why?
2. Where do you see the kingdom of God growing quietly or unexpectedly in your life or community?
3. What might Jesus be inviting you to nurture or release as you walk with him?

Wednesday, January 21

Assigned Reading: Matthew 14

Thursday, January 22

Assigned Reading: Matthew 15

Friday, January 23

Assigned Reading: Matthew 16

Saturday, January 24

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Who Do You Say That I Am?

Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus speaks of discipleship as taking up the cross and trusting God's way of life (Matthew 16).

Saturday, January 24 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Who Do You Say That I Am?

1. How would you answer Jesus' question today: "Who do you say that I am?"
2. Where is following Jesus feeling costly or challenging right now?
3. What does it look like to trust Jesus with the direction of your life?

Week 4

Sunday, January 25

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, January 26

Assigned Reading: Matthew 17

Tuesday, January 27

Assigned Reading: Matthew 18

Wednesday, January 28

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Life Together

Jesus teaches about humility, forgiveness, and care for the vulnerable, describing what life looks like in a community shaped by grace (Matthew 18).

Wednesday, January 28 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Life Together

1. What stands out to you about humility, forgiveness, and care for one another in Matthew 18?
2. Where are you being called to extend grace—or receive it—in your relationships?
3. How does walking with Jesus shape the way you live in community?

Thursday, January 29

Assigned Reading: Matthew 19

Friday, January 30

Assigned Reading: Matthew 20

Saturday, January 31

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: The Upside-Down Kingdom

Jesus challenges common assumptions about power, wealth, and reward, lifting up childlike trust and radical generosity (Matthew 19–20).

Saturday, January 31 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: The Upside-Down Kingdom

1. What teachings in these chapters challenge common ideas about success, power, or fairness?
2. Where might Jesus be inviting you to see differently this week?
3. How does this vision of the kingdom reshape your priorities?

Week 5

Sunday, February 01

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, February 02

Assigned Reading: Matthew 21

Tuesday, February 03

Assigned Reading: Matthew 22

Wednesday, February 04

Assigned Reading: Matthew 23

Thursday, February 05

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Power & Faithfulness

Jesus confronts religious hypocrisy and calls his followers to lives marked by integrity, mercy, and faithfulness rather than appearances (Matthew 23).

Thursday, February 05 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Power & Faithfulness

1. What warnings or invitations from Jesus in Matthew 23 feel especially relevant today?
2. Where do you notice tension between outward faith and inward faithfulness?
3. What does integrity and humility look like as you walk with Jesus?

Friday, February 06

Assigned Reading: Matthew 24

Saturday, February 07

Assigned Reading: Matthew 25

Week 6

Sunday, February 08

Sabbath / Worship

Monday, February 09

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Readiness & Mercy

Jesus urges watchfulness and compassion, reminding his followers that readiness for God's kingdom is shown through mercy and love of neighbor (Matthew 24-25).

Monday, February 09 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Readiness & Mercy

1. What does Jesus seem most concerned that his followers practice in Matthew 24-25?
2. Where are you being called to live with greater attentiveness or compassion?
3. How do these teachings shape your understanding of hope rather than fear?

Tuesday, February 10

Assigned Reading: Matthew 26

Wednesday, February 11

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: Gethsemane

In the garden, Jesus prays with honesty and trust, surrendering himself to God's will even as suffering draws near (Matthew 26).

Wednesday, February 11 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: Gethsemane

1. What do you notice about Jesus' prayer, honesty, and vulnerability in Gethsemane?
2. Where are you being asked to trust God in uncertainty or struggle?
3. What does faithful obedience look like when the path feels heavy?

Thursday, February 12

Assigned Reading: Matthew 27

Friday, February 13

Assigned Reading: Walking with Jesus Reflection: The Cross

Jesus is crucified, revealing a love that gives itself fully for the life of the world (Matthew 27).

Friday, February 13 — Walking with Jesus Reflection: The Cross

1. What emotions, questions, or prayers arise as you sit with the story of the cross?
2. What does Jesus' suffering reveal about God's love for the world—and for you?
3. How does the cross shape your understanding of forgiveness, sacrifice, and grace?

Saturday, February 14

Assigned Reading: Matthew 28

Week 7

Sunday, February 15

Sabbath / Worship