



**Walking with Jesus: A Journey Through Matthew**  
*January 4 – February 15*

## 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:

**S**cripture (write out a verse that speaks to you)

**O**bservation (what does it say or mean?)

**A**pplication (how does it apply to my life?)

**P**ray (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