

# **GOD WITH US**

## Introduction to Matthew

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**“Who do you say I am? (Matt 16:15)**

**1 Authorship, date and provenance**

**2 Structure of Matthew (see outline of Matthew)**

**3 Themes in Matthew**

**4 Preparation**

**Reflections**

## Outline of Matthew (provisional)

### *Introduction*

Matthew 1-2: The promised Messiah has arrived, Jesus Christ

### *Narrative (from Judea to Galilee, see 3:1 & 4:23)*

Matthew 3-4: The beginning of Messiah's ministry

### *1<sup>st</sup> block of teaching*

Matthew 5-7: The kingdom of the Messiah: its character

Transition – Jesus's authority, 7:28-29

### *Narrative (Galilee, see 8:5, 28, 9:1, 35)*

Matthew 8-9: Jesus's public ministry grew under Jesus's authority

### *2<sup>nd</sup> block of teaching*

Matthew 10: The kingdom of the Messiah: its mission and messengers

Transition – Jesus's expanding ministry, 11:1

### *Narrative (Galilee, see 11:21, 23)*

Matthew 11-12, First challenges to Jesus and his ministry

### *3<sup>rd</sup> block of teaching*

Matthew 13: The kingdom of the Messiah: its reach/expansion (who's in, who's out)

Transition – More challenges coming, 13:53

### *Narrative (further north, see 14:34, 15:21, 29, 16:13, 17:22, 24)*

Matthew 14-17: Further challenges to Jesus and his ministry; Jesus heading to his death

### *4<sup>th</sup> block of teaching*

Matthew 18: The kingdom of the Messiah: living with one another

Transition – Jesus's ministry in Judea, 19:1-2

### *Narrative (in Judea & Jerusalem, see 19:1, 21:1, 10)*

Matthew 19-23: Jesus heading closer to his death; final challenges to Jesus and his ministry

### *5<sup>th</sup> block of teaching*

Matthew 24-25: The kingdom of the Messiah: waiting and getting ready for the end times

Transition – Nearness of Jesus's death

### *Narrative (from Jerusalem to Galilee, see 26:6, 28:16)*

Matthew 26-28: The passion and resurrection of Jesus

### *6<sup>th</sup> teaching (?)*

By Jesus' disciples and by us (Matt 28:18-20)