

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

1st 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

2nd 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

3rd 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

4th 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

5th 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

6th teaching (?)

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