

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

MATTHEW

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To prove that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the eternal King of Kings.

Author

Matthew (Levi)

Date

Matthew was probably written between AD 60-65.

Audience

Matthew wrote this Gospel especially to the Jews.

Setting

Matthew forms the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments because of its emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecy.

Special Features

Matthew is filled with Messianic language ("Son of David" is used throughout) and Old Testament quotes (53 quotes and 76 other references). This Gospel was not written as a chronological account; its purpose was to present the clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior.



Key Verses

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means 'God with us')." (1:23 NIV)

"Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (16:16 ESV)

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said." (28:6a ESV)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (28:19-20 ESV)

Key People

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, the disciples, the religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, Mary Magdalene

Key Places

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Capernaum