

MY MATTHEW COMMENTARY



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**OUR DESIRE IS THAT YOU GAIN A FULL HEART OF WISDOM AND
FIND THE RICH REWARDS THAT GOD HAS FOR YOU IN YOUR LIFE.**

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WELCOME AND PREFACE

You are about to start on a wonderful adventure... It is a journey that is going to challenge you, frustrate you, excite you, dare you, console you, comfort you as well as provoke you. This little devotional guide might just be the most powerful little book you will ever own next to the Bible itself. That is a strong assertion, but I believe that if you carefully do as I prescribe, this expedition through the book of Matthew, the tax collector turned Christ-follower, turned Apostle, turned martyr, turned hero of the faith will be one of your closest friends. Why? Because “Levi,” as his friends called him, was an eye witness to God walking on earth. He touched him, ate with him, laughed with Him, cried, argued, debated, and agreed with Him. This stool-sitting, money-laundering traitor turned saint is going to teach us some lessons about the very One each of us wants to know the most.

You will see, at first glance that the pages in this book are nearly blank, for now. I am challenging you to read through the book of Matthew once a month (Mondays through Fridays). As you do, keep this little book with you and jot down insights that God teaches you from His Word, things that you wonder about, things that you wrestle with and are challenged by. Take notes from the Master himself, as if you were enrolled in His class.

You don't have to fill up the pages the first time you go through Matthew, because as you reread it you can add more to the daily sections.

You may even have pages that contain “once thought” ideas but later discovered you don't believe that idea any longer. You will have mid-course corrections, as well as points that are made more complete.

I am asking you to continue this reading for as long as the Matthew Sermon Message Series lasts. This will mean that you might read the book several times.

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Let me suggest that you use a variety of versions/translations and paraphrases of the book of Matthew so that you might gain different, shades of meanings, nuances, and tones of the voice speaking in the text. You, my dear friend will be an expert on the book of Matthew. When we finish this series, you will know and understand more about Jesus and Matthew than you have ever known before.

Let me also warn you that you will have all kinds of opposition to this project. The enemy wants nothing more than to thwart any chance of you completing this task. “Pay him no mind.” His plans for you are nothing but confusion, boredom and death.

Who knows, maybe this might be the start of a wonderful relationship!

*From one fellow Christ-follower to another,
Pastor John*

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PS... The back inside cover of this booklet lists a number of translations and paraphrases you might want to consider in your reading. You may even want to take one month and use an audio version of the text. That will bring new light to your study that you may not have tried before!

INTRODUCTION TO THE “MY MATTHEW COMMENTARY”

Your “**MY MATTHEW COMMENTARY**” is designed to enhance the preaching/teaching learning process. But it is more than that. It is tool that you can use many times over in learning more about other books of the Bible. As you begin to look through booklet you will notice that it is full of nearly blank pages.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT is to first **PRAY** that God will reveal to you new insight and understanding that you had not realized before as well as confirm the great teachings He has given you in the past. Secondly, you are to **READ** the assigned chapters and verses for the day and thirdly, **WRITE** a comment or two about what the Lord taught you about the text for that day. Don’t worry if you do not fill in every page the first time because this assignment will be repeated using the same booklet each and every month. You will simply add to the information that you have already gleaned from the month before.

Just for fun, you may want to use a different color ink pen each time you go through it so that it will help you identify when you made certain discoveries.

When we finish this task, you and all of Castle Rock Christian Church will be “experts” on the book of Matthew! However, more importantly, you and I will know so much more of and about our Savior, Jesus Christ. That will be the exciting!

Enjoy and Happy Reading!

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Matthew 1:1-2:23

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Tuesday, Week 1

Matthew 3:1-5:12

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Wednesday, Week 1 Matthew 5:13-6:18

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Thursday, Week 1

Matthew 6:19-8:4

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Friday, Week 1

Matthew 8:5-9:26

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Monday, Week 2

Matthew 9:27-10:42

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Tuesday, Week 2

Matthew 11:1-12:21

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Wednesday, Week 2 Matthew 12:22-13:23

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Matthew 13:24-14:21

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Matthew 14:22-15:39

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Monday, Week 3

Matthew 16:1-17:23

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Tuesday, Week 3

Matthew 17:24-19:15

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Wednesday, Week 3 Matthew 19:16-20:34

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Thursday, Week 3

Matthew 21:1-22:14

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Matthew 22:15-23:36

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Monday, Week 4

Matthew 23:37-24:51

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Tuesday, Week 4

Matthew 25:1-26:5

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Wednesday, Week 4 Matthew 26:6-56

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Thursday, Week 4

Matthew 26:57-27:31

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Friday, Week 4

Matthew 27:32-28:20

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Bible Versions: Translations and Paraphrases.

There are others but this list is a good one to start with. You may even want to check off the versions you use...

- The New International Version (NIV)**
- New International Reader's Version** ¹ (NIrV)
- English Standard Version (ESV)**
- New Living Translation (NLT)**
- The Living Bible,** ² (LB)
- The Message,** ³ (Msg)
- The NET Bible,** ⁴ (NET)
- The New King James Version (NKJV)**
- New Century Version** ⁵ (NCV)
- The Holman Christian Standard Bible** ⁶ (Holman)
- Good News Translation** ⁷ (TEB)
- American Standard Version (ASV)**
- The King James Bible (KJV)**
- The New American Standard Version Bible (NASB)**
- The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**
- The RSV Revised Standard Version (RSV)**
- The Amplified Bible** ⁸ (Amp)
- Philips Translation** ⁹ (Philips)

¹ NIrV: Uses words of the NIV when possible. When NIV words are long, shorter words are substituted.

² Living Bible, an older, good paraphrase

³ A new great paraphrase by Eugene Peterson

⁴ The Net Bible was created originally only for the Internet. This is a scholarly translation and can not be found in paper print.

⁵ NCV is written on a 3rd grade reading level.

⁶ A new translation, Holman is much like the KJV.

⁷ As close to a paraphrase as a translation can get (in my opinion)

⁸ "No kidding" when they say '**AMPLIFIED**' This will take you longer than usual. It is like reading with a Thesaurus. VERY beneficial in adding insight!

⁹ Again, like the Good News Translation, it is much like a paraphrase but very good.

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