

# First Baptist Church – Through the Bible with BibleProject 2026

## Matthew

- What three roles or identities does Matthew want us to understand Jesus as fulfilling?

### Matthew 1-3 (Introduction)

- What do the Old Testament references tell us about Jesus?
- How does the story of Jesus' birth fulfil God's promise to Abraham?

### Matthew Compares Moses and Jesus

- What is this comparison telling us about Jesus' mission?

### Matthew 4-7 – Announcing God's Kingdom

- What is the Kingdom of God? What does it mean?
- What has Jesus come to do (and how does he demonstrate it)?
- What is the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount?
- How are we meant to respond?

### Matthew 8-10 – Jesus Bringing the Kingdom

- What are the 9 stories about?
- What is special about the placement of the invitation to follow Jesus?
- What does Jesus prepare his followers to expect when they participate in His mission?

### Matthew 11-13 – Stories of responding to the message

- What kinds of responses do we find to Jesus?
- Whose responses surprise you the most?
- How do the parables reflect on these different responses? What is the bigger point?

### Things to look for:

- Quotations from OT scriptures – why do they matter?
- Who is responding positively to Jesus? Why do you think that is?

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### Matthew 14-20 – Expectations of Messiah

- Why are many people excited about Jesus?
- What images from scripture shaped the expectations of the religious leaders? How did Jesus fulfill those expectations in a way different than they anticipated?
- How did Peter understand what the Messiah would do?
- How does Jesus define his messiahship?
- Describe the “Upside Down Kingdom” of the Parables in chapters 18-20. Which do you find the most challenging?

### Matthew 21-25 – Clash of Kingdoms

- What are the meanings of his two actions on arriving in Jerusalem?
- What do you find most compelling about Jesus’ last teachings?
- Why does Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
- What are the disciples instructed to do?

### Matthew 26-28

- What is the meaning of the Passover? How does Jesus redefine it?
- What charges are brought against Jesus by the leaders?
- Why does Matthew quote so many Old Testament scriptures in telling the story of the crucifixion?
- How has Jesus been confirmed as king?
- How do we participate in God’s kingdom?
- What promise ends the book?