

Intro to Matthew: Welcome Jesus Christ, the Messiah and King who has come to save His people from their sins.

I. Jesus Christ is Messiah and Sovereign King. Matt 1:1-17

Overview of the Kingdom (from David Platt, *Exalting Jesus in Matthew*)

- Gospel: The message of the kingdom. (Matt 4:17)
- Disciples: The citizens of the kingdom. (Matt 5-7)
- Discipleship: The demands of the kingdom. (Matt 10:39)
- Church: The outpost of the kingdom.
- Mission: The spread of the kingdom. (Matt 16:18)
- Demons: The enemies of the kingdom.
- Hope: The coming of the kingdom.

Bottom Line:

- Like the leaders, will you completely reject Jesus?
- Like the crowds, will you casually observe Jesus?
- Like the disciples, will you unconditionally follow Jesus?

II. Jesus is fully God and fully human. Matt 1:18-25

- a. Holy Spirit
- b. Behold – “look, to emphasize, to call attention to detail” 5x in Chs 1 & 2
- c. Immanuel – GOD WITH US.
- d. Birth to a son and called his name Jesus.

III. Jesus is worthy of the world’s worship. Matt 2:1-12

- a. Wise men from the East
- b. Prophecy fulfilled – a Ruler who will Shepherd my people Israel.
- c. Fell down and worshiped, them and their treasures.
 - i. How do you worship? What is the object of your worship?

IV. Jesus is our salvation. Matt 2:13-23

- a. Jesus > Moses – coming out of Egypt to deliver/save.
- b. “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 1:21
- c. How will you respond?

Back to the Bottom Line as we go through Matthew – what will we do with Jesus:

- Will you completely reject Jesus?
- Will you casually observe Jesus?
- Will you unconditionally follow Jesus?