

The Gospel & The Four Gospels

The First Words of Jesus

**The Introduction of the Gospel According
to Matthew**

Matthew 3-4

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Messiah, Son of God**

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**Proclamation of Jesus
Messiah, Son of God, to Israel**

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**Passion and Resurrection of
Jesus Messiah, Son of God**

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**Preparation
1:1-4:16**

Background to
the Jesus Story



**Realization
4:17-28:20**

The Presentation of Jesus'
Activity and Ministry



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Five Major Speeches ("Discourses"),
concluding with "When Jesus
Finished These Sayings..."
(7:28; 11:1; 16:53; 19:1; 26:1)

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Sermon On
Mount, ch. 5-7

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Missionary
Discourse, ch.10

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Parable
Discourse, ch.13

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Community
Discourse, ch.18

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Eschatological
Discourse, ch.24-25



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**General
Statement**



Particular

From that time Jesus
Began to **preach** and to say,
"Repent for the Kingdom of
Heaven is at hand" (4:17)



Specific Proclamation of the
Kingdom to Israel (4:18-16:20)

From that time Jesus
Began to **show** to his disciples
that He must go to Jerusalem
and suffer. (16:21)



Specifics of Jesus suffering
and death (16:21-28:20)



Climax

1:1–25:46

Movement toward Cross and Resurrection

They will call his name Emmanuel which means “God with Us” (1:23)

26:1–28:20

Climax of Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Missionary Commissioning

Surely I will be “with you” always, to the end of the age (28:20)



Matthew 3

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 3: The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 4

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, him only.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.