

INTRODUCTION TO MATTHEW'S GOSPEL
(Matthew 1:1)

I. Authenticity

A. Appearance—Written between AD 55 and 60

B. Author—Written by MATTHEW (Matt. 9:9; 10:3)

1. He was a TAX COLLECTOR

2. He became an APOSTLE of Christ

C. Acceptance

1. Immediately RECOGNIZED as Scripture

2. The “Synoptic PROBLEM”

a. Their accounts have significant DIFFERENCES

b. They wrote under INSPIRATION, and God has the right to
determine WHAT He wanted them to SAY

c. EYEWITNESSES remember different DETAILS

II. Message

A. Themes

1. The KING and His KINGDOM

- a. JESUS is the King
- b. A PRELIMINARY form of the Kingdom is seen in the
CHURCH
- c. The LITERAL Kingdom will be established when the King
RETURNS

2. Jesus' FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY

B. Theology

1. The doctrine of GOD
2. The doctrine of CHRIST
3. The doctrine of the HOLY SPIRIT
4. The doctrine of SCRIPTURE
5. The doctrine of SALVATION
6. The doctrine of ETHICAL CONDUCT
7. The doctrine of the LAW
8. The doctrine of the CHURCH
9. The doctrine of the KINGDOM
10. The doctrine of THINGS TO COME
11. The doctrine of MISSION
12. The doctrine of MIRACLES