

# Study of Matthew



**Christ the King**

# Introduction

- Matthew the tax collector
- Jewishness of this gospel: use of LXX, fulfillment theme, arrangement in 5 discourse sections akin to 5 Books of Moses (Pentateuch)
- Universal nature of the gospel
- Matthew's community of faith who were original recipients



# Introduction

- Read the gospel on 3 levels at once
- The need for 4 gospels
- “Synoptic gospels” refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke
- Common material between the 3 Synoptic gospels



# Jewish Genealogy

- The Genealogy of Jesus, 1:1-17, Βίβλος γενέσεως, book of genealogy



# Euangelion in Matthew's gospel

- [Matthew 24:14](#)
- And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
- [Matthew 26:13](#)
- Truly I tell you, wherever this **gospel** is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

# Jewish Background and function of Genealogy

- Legitimate line of Jesus
- Universal theme of the good news of Jesus



# Structure of Genealogy

- **17 generation pattern 3 times for the overall time frame**
- **“begat”—patterns**
- **Jesus “was born” not begat!**
- **Was born “Jesus”, but “called” Christ—**



# Structure of Genealogy

- Significant theme in Matthew—  
what does it mean for Jesus to be called the Christ?
- Christ (Χριστός (Christos) used 17 times in Matthew
- Jewish concept of Χριστός (Christos) Messiah, anointed One





# **“The Messianic hope”**

- **“...A burning conviction held with fanatical zeal, shaped under pressure of tyranny and persecution, and inspired by deep religious faith.”**



# **Main features of Messianic Expectation?**

- **An apocalyptic vision of faith and hope of God's triumph with his people**
- **Simon the Righteous**
- **Demand for continuity and reliance on Tradition**
- **Holy War was deemed necessary**
- **Philo of Alexandria's Messianic Hope**

# **Inclusion of five women**

- **1:3, Tamar—her story is in Genesis 38**
- **1:5 Rahab-Joshua 2 and 6 (Heb. 11:31; James 2:25)**
- **1:5 Ruth—Ruth the Moabitess, Ruth 1:4, etc.**
- **1:6 Uriah's wife—Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11**
- **1:16 Mary**

