

BOOK OF MATTHEW

HANDOUT

JESUS SUPERIOR TO...

- **Mosaic Law**
 - The Sermon on the Mount establishes a whole new system of ethics for individuals, society, and the Kingdom of God.
 - “You have heard...but I say...” – shows Jesus as superior to law & tradition
 - Establishes the Kingdom of God as superior to earthly kingdoms
 - Jesus replaces Moses as the Royal Teacher
- **Ways of the World**
 - Differences between the kingdom & the ways of the world (ch. 11-12)
 - Parables on the nature of the kingdom (ch. 13)
- **Old Testament Patriarchs**
 - Jesus is shown to be a descendant of the patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob – but surpasses them

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN/GOD

- “the rule or reign of God” – universe, world, hearts
- Referenced 51 times in Matthew, twice as often as any other gospel.
- Kingdom is present in Jesus (12:28) yet not yet fulfilled (13:43; 25:34)
- Where the King is present, the Kingdom is also present.
- The kingdom is not earned, only received by those recognizing they don’t deserve it (5:3; 21:31)
- Kingdom entrance is by doing “the will of My father in heaven” rather than saying the right words (7:21)
- Available to all people from all parts of society (13:47)
- More valuable than a precious gem (13:45-46)
- Excludes all competitors for its allegiance (6:33)

PARABLES OF JESUS IN MATTHEW

The Lamp (5:14-16)

Speck & Log (7:1-5)

New Cloth on Old Garment (9:16-17)

Divided Kingdom (12:24-30)

The Sower (13:1-23)

Wheat & Tares (13:24-30)

Mustard Seed (13:31-32)

The Leaven (13:33-34)

Hidden Treasure (13:44)

Pearl of Great Price (13:45-46)

Heart of Man vs. Mouth (15:10-20)

Lost Sheep (18:10-14)

Unforgiving Servant (18:23-25)

Laborers in the Vineyard (20:1-16)

Two Sons (21:28-32)

Tenant Farmers (21:33-45)

Marriage Feast (22:1-14)

Budding Fig Tree (24:32-35)

Faithful vs. Wicked Servant (24:45-51)

Ten Virgins (25:1-13)

Ten Talents/Gold Coins (25:14-30)

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JESUS' MINISTRY IN MATTHEW AS FULFILLMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Aspects of His Ministry	Fulfillment in Matthew	OT Prophecy
Virgin birth & role as God with us	Matt. 1:18, 22-23	Isaiah 7:14
Birth in Bethlehem & shepherd role	Matt. 2:4-6	Micah 5:2
Refugee years in Egypt & role as God's Son	Matt. 2:14-15	Hosea 11:1
Upbringing in Nazareth & messianic role	Matt. 2:23	Isaiah 11:1
Preaching ministry in Galilee & role as Light to the Gentiles	Matt. 4:12-16	Isaiah 9:1-2
Reluctance to attract attention & His role as God's chosen & loved Servant	Matt. 12:16-21	Isaiah 42:1-4
Teaching in parables & His role in proclaiming God's sovereign rule	Matt. 13:34-35	Psalms 78:2
Humble entry into Jerusalem & role as King	Matt. 21:1-5	Zechariah 9:9
Betrayal, arrest, & death and role as Suffering Servant	Matt. 26:50, 56	Prophetic writings

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