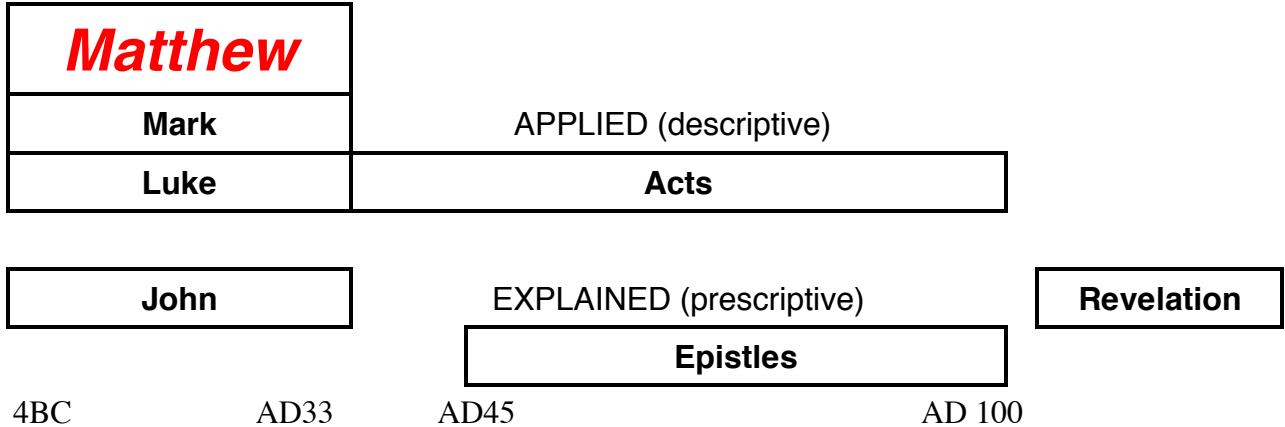


Matthew

The historical scope of the New Testament

The Gospel

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Matthew is distinct from the other Gospels in many ways.

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Portraits of Jesus	The Prophesied King	The Obedient Servant	The Perfect Man	The Divine Son
Prominent words	“fulfilled”	“straightway”	“Son of man”	“believe”
Cultures of the original readers	Jews (Jesus, Son of Abraham)	Romans (Action: no genealogy)	Greeks (Jesus, Son of Adam)	Church (Jesus, Son of God)
Outlook and style of the writers	Teaching	Sermon	Literature	Theology
Outstanding sections	Sermons	Miracles	Parables	Doctrines
Prominent ideas	Law	Power	Grace	Glory
Broad division	“ Synoptic Gospels ” – stressing the humanity of Christ from the outward, earthly side.		“ Fourth Gospel ” – stressing the deity of Christ from the inward, heavenly side.	

The Gospel of Matthew (as with all of the Gospels) does not say who wrote this text. A tradition that goes back to the 1st century ascribes it to Matthew the disciple. It was probably written before 70 AD.

1. Matthew's distinctives indicate that it is written for a **Jewish** audience.
 - a. Fulfillment of Old Testament scriptures emphasized.
 - b. The Law is often mentioned.
 - c. The genealogy of Jesus goes back to Abraham.
 - d. Eschatology is important.
 - e. There is an emphasis upon symbolic numbers like #3,5,7,14 & etc.
 - f. Special inclusion of Gentiles is featured.
 - g. Matthew uses more O.T. quotations and allusions (130) than any other book.

2. The five fold literary structure of Matthew

"It came to pass that when Jesus had finished these sayings" 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1

1. **THE NEW LAW**
 - Narrative 3-4
 - Teaching 5-7
2. **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**
 - Narrative 8:1-9:34
 - Teaching 9:35-10:42
3. **THE MEANING OF THE KINGDOM**
 - Narrative 11-12
 - Teaching 13:1-52
4. **THE CHURCH**
 - Narrative 13:53-17:27
 - Teaching 18
5. **JUDGMENT**
 - Narrative 19-22
 - Teaching 23-25

This is the story of Jesus and more importantly it is the story of the Kingdom of God. We read this gospel with ears to hear that story and appreciate our participation in the life and Kingdom of Messiah Jesus. The book of Matthew can be divided into four movements.

1. *The King is revealed (ch.1:4:11)*
2. *The Kingdom is revealed (4:12- ch.10).*
3. *The King and His Kingdom are rejected (ch.11-27).*
4. *The King is raised (ch.28)*

There are five discourses or sermons in Matthew (ch.5-7, 10, 13, 18, 24-25).

The King is Revealed	The Kingdom is Revealed		The King and His Kingdom are Rejected			The King is Raised
	In principle	In power	Reasons for	Recourse of	Results of	