

Matthew 3 Resources

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THE LIFE OF JESUS AS COVERED BY MATTHEW (shaded area)

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COMMENTARIES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11+](#)) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource. For hundreds of other commentaries and books that can be borrowed see [Christian Commentaries Online](#).

[The Beatitudes for today](#) by Blanchard, John

[The Gospel of Matthew](#) by Boice, James Montgomery

[The Sermon on the mount : an evangelical exposition of Matthew 5-7](#) by Carson, D. A

[When Jesus confronts the world : an exposition of Matthew 8-10](#) by Carson, D. A

[Matthew's Story: Good News for Uncertain Times](#). Thompson, William G New York: Paulist Press, 1989. A clear introduction to Matthew as story theology for Christians who wish to have their faith stimulated

[Matthew](#) by Chamblin, J. Knox ([See also links below](#))

[Matheson \(Ligonier\)](#) - This massive work (almost 1,600 pages) is the fruit of a lifetime of teaching the Gospel of Matthew. The commentary is in-depth without losing sight of the big picture. It is scholarly without being unreadable. Very highly recommended.

[A critical and exegetical commentary on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew : in three volumes](#) by Davies, W. D. (William David), and D.C. Allison (International Critical Commentary)

[Matheson \(Ligonier\)](#) - For those doing an exhaustive study of the Gospel of Matthew, the work of Davies and Allison is indispensable. Readers should be aware that it is written from a moderately critical perspective, but in terms of comprehensiveness, there is nothing quite like this commentary. It is a highly technical commentary on the Greek text and thus not suitable for lay readers, but discerning pastors who are looking for information on every conceivable issue related to the text need look no further. The three paperback volumes are somewhat expensive (see links above), but they are a bargain compared to the hardcovers, which run approximately \$150 each! For those not interested in all the technical details, an abridged version is also available.

[Cyril Barber](#) - A massive work. Learned, yet not so erudite that it is beyond the comprehension level of a seminary-trained pastor. The nuances of the Greek text are ably elucidated. Scheduled for 3 volumes. Replaces the earlier work by W. C. Allen.

[The Sermon on the Mount](#) by Davies, W. D. (William David)

[The setting of the Sermon on the Mount](#) by Davies, W. D. (William David)

[Seeking the kingdom : the Sermon on the mount made practical for today](#) by Dockery, David S

[Cyril Barber](#) - A practical guide applying the contents of Matthew 5--7 to the needs of people today who are waiting for Christ' return and the inauguration of His Kingdom.

[The Bible knowledge background commentary : Matthew-Luke](#) by Evans, Craig A - This resource will give you very interesting insights and is worth checking on individual passages.

[The Gospel of Matthew](#) by France, R. T New International Commentary on the New Testament, (2007)

[Challies](#) - France has a volume in the Tyndale series that is highly regarded, but it has since been eclipsed by his much longer and more significant contribution to the NICNT. That series, like so many, is somewhat uneven, but France's is said to be excellent. Keith Mathison says the "work is thorough and solidly evangelical and will be beneficial to pastors and all serious students of Scripture." I expect to find a greater number of endorsements as the commentators catch up with newer volumes like this one.

[Keith Matheson](#) (Ligonier) - A short commentary on the Gospel of Matthew has been available by R.T. France in the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series since 1985, but in 2007, France published a much more comprehensive commentary on this Gospel in the NICNT series—The New International Commentary on the New Testament. France's work is thorough and solidly evangelical and will be beneficial to pastors and all serious students of Scripture. His commentary is distinctive in that he takes a largely preterist approach to much of the Olivet Discourse.

[Kingdom life in a fallen world : living out the Sermon on the Mount](#) by Ferguson, Sinclair B

Cyril Barber - A challenging discussion of the relevance of Matthew 5--7 to the life of the believer.

[The Sermon on the Mount](#) by Ferguson, Sinclair B

[The Gospel according to Matthew : an introduction and commentary](#) by France, R. T

Rosscup (comment on his work in the Tyndale NT Commentary) - This work, only a fair one, was done to replace R. V. G. Tasker's work. It handles many matters well, concisely, and usually hits the crux of interpretation, showing awareness of considerable scholarly literature and main views. France uses the NIV text. He draws up summaries of sections and shows the meaning and connection in context.

[Matthew 1-14](#) by Gangel, Kenneth O - This is more like a workbook with questions and short explanatory notes.

[Matthew 15-28](#) by Gangel, Kenneth O

[Reading Matthew : a literary and theological commentary on the first gospel](#) by Garland, David E

[The Gospel of Matthew](#) by Hobbs, Herschel H., (1965) 364 pages

[The Gospel of Matthew](#) by Hobbs, Herschel H (1961) 264 pages

[Abba Father : the Lord's pattern for prayer \(Matthew 6:9-14\)](#) by Hughes, R. Kent,

[Book of Matthew : the carpenter king](#) by Lucado, Max

[Matthew : the coming of the King](#) by MacArthur, John,

[The Gospel of Matthew: Behold Your King](#) by MacDonald, William (1974) 340 pages

[Matthew 1-13](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Matthew](#) 14-28 by McGee, J. Vernon

[The Gospel according to Matthew](#) by Morgan, G. Campbell

[Matthew](#) by Mounce, Robert H 312 pages [3 ratings](#)

[Exalting Jesus in Matthew](#) by Platt, David, (2013) 404 pages [193 ratings](#)

[Matthew](#) (Focus on the Bible series) by Price, Charles [7 ratings](#) [5 ratings](#) - "Undiscovered gem."

[The Gospel According to St. Matthew : an Introduction and Commentary](#) by Tasker, R. V. G (1983) 292 pages. [2 ratings](#)

[Matthew](#) by Turner, David L Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (2008) [35 ratings](#)

[Matthew. a study guide commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic,

[Live like a king : making the Beatitudes work in daily life](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

Rosscup - First published in 1976. Wiersbe recognizes the present and future implications of the "Sermon on the Mount," and expounds the Beatitudes ([Matthew 5:1-16](#)) with God's Kingdom program in mind. Here is a work that is rich in insights and spiritual application. Each message deals with the realities of living the Christian life as a "King's kid." Recommended.

Cyril Barber - A devotional masterpiece. Practical, relevant, rich in insights, and rewarding in its application of truth to life. This brief work deserves to be read slowly and carefully

[Meet your King](#) (Matthew) - same work entitled [Be loyal](#) (Matthew) by Wiersbe, Warren

[The Bible exposition commentary](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W - All NT books in one source. Excellent.

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Windows on the parables](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[The word in life study Bible : Gospel of Matthew](#) [59 ratings](#) Gives excellent background information. Worth checking out.

[Interpreting the parables](#) by Blomberg, Craig

[Chronological and Background Charts of the NEW TESTAMENT - Pdf](#) - D Wayne House - outstanding compilation of charts - check this one out!. This book can also be borrowed = [Chronological and background charts of the New Testament](#)

STUDY BIBLES

Note: The first 3 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple

contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

[The New Testament and Wycliffe Bible commentary](#) - This version has no time restriction but only has the NT.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes [1,275 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[Life application study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4,445 ratings](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - Only covers the NT. Very interesting format. **Not your routine study Bible.** Worth checking (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.](#))

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews.](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

GREEK WORD STUDY RESOURCES ONLINE

NOTE - All of these resources can be borrowed from archive.org. This list also includes resources to help study the Bible.

See also the [list of Word Study Resources](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[NIDNTT - The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#) - Click for discussion of this resource which is available online with all 3 volumes (representing the full set) on the same link. This resource is fully accessible with no time limit or requirement to borrow and with full copy and paste functionality.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[Word meanings in the New Testament](#) - Matthew-Revelation by Ralph Earle. Strictly speaking this is not a lexicon, but it offers insights on select words in a verse by verse format (but not every verse is included in the analysis). This resource is worth checking if you have time as it can occasionally give some wonderful insights on a specific Greek word.

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - [59 ratings](#) very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is pleonexia and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : [Mark 7:14-23](#); [Ro 1:28-32](#); [Eph. 4:17-24](#); [Col. 3:5](#). So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to [Mark 7:14](#) to see Barclay's entry for pleonexia which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature \(BDAG\)](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg are much easier to use.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 1 - A thru E); [Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 3- P thru ...) Volume 2 not available. I do not find this adds much to the easier to use resources like [Zodhiates](#) and [Friberg](#).

[A Pocket Lexicon to the Greek New Testament](#) by Souter, Alexander. Brief definitions. Need to know some Greek. Not that helpful.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[New Testament Words in Today's Language](#) by Detzler, Wayne A - Wonderful resource to supplement word studies. [3 ratings](#) THIS IS A SLEEPER!

[So That's What it Means](#) - This is another book formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" edited by **Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include DKC—Donald K. Campbell, WGJ—Wendell G. Johnston, JAW—John A. Witmer, JFW—John F. Walvoord

[Christian Words](#) By: Turner, Nigel, Published: 1980 - >500 pages. An interesting, unique resource on Greek words (no Hebrew) with extensive bibliography. For an example see "[Abba](#)" and "[Alleluia](#)" - "*In Christian vocabulary Alleluia is a heavenly song, a chant of saints in the bliss of Paradise, echoed on earth as joyful seasons.*" One caution is he uses the Apocryphal writings extensively - I am not sure of his theological persuasion.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Pocket dictionary for the study of New Testament Greek](#) by DeMoss, Matthew S. If you want to dig a little deeper into Greek. [66](#)

[ratings](#)

[Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - or [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, [33 ratings](#) It is does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[Expository dictionary of Bible words : word studies for key English Bible words based on-](#) Stephen Renn

MORE SERMONS AND COMMENTARIES

JOSEPH ADDISON ALEXANDER GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Cyril Barber - Published posthumously in 1861 and covering (in detail) only chapters 1-16, this volume contains the same richness of thought and close attention to detail that is found in Alexander's other commentaries.

- [Matthew 3](#)

HENRY ALFORD

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

GREG ALLEN

- [Matthew 3:1-12 Preparing the Way for the King](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 For Thus It Is Fitting](#)

STEVE ANDREWS

- [Matthew 4 \(et al Scriptures\) Follow Me](#)

MICHAEL ANDRUS - click link for audio and notes - click notes for pdf

- [Matthew 3:1-12 Messiah's Strange Advance Team](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-4:2 From Coronation to Crucible](#)

BILL BALDWIN

- [Matthew 3:1-12 - Preparing the Way](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 - The Baptism of Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 - The Testing of Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-17 - Jesus the Galilean](#)
- [Matthew 4:18-22 - Fishers of Men](#)
- [Matthew 4:23-25 - The Word and the Power](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an Acts 17:11 Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL

- [Matthew 3](#)
- Matthew 3 [Advance Man](#)
- [Matthew 4](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD

- [Matthew 3:1-7 The Wilderness Preacher](#)
- [Matthew 3:1-7 The Wilderness Preacher](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-17 I have seen the Light](#)
- [Matthew 4:23-25 The Marvelous Ministry of Jesus](#)

JOHANN A BENGEL

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JOSEPH BENSON

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

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- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JIM BOMKAMP SERMONS MATTHEW

- [Matthew 3:1-17 "The Calling And Ministry Of John The Baptist"](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptations Of Jesus"](#)

JOHN BROADUS

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

ALAN CARR

- [Matthew 3:1-5 - Maze Jackson Seven Strange Preachers](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 The Heavenly Father: Every Dad's Example](#)

ARTHUR CARR

- [Matthew 3 Commentary - Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges](#)
- [Matthew 3 Commentary - Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges](#) - more Greek text

RICH CATHERS

- [Matthew 1-5](#)
- [Matthew 1-2](#)

- [Matthew 3-4](#)

OSWALD CHAMBERS

- [Matthew 3:11 "I Indeed . . . But He"](#)

KNOX CHAMBLIN

- [Matthew 3:1-17](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-25](#)

ADAM CLARKE

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [Matthew 3:1 Great Words of Salvation: Repentance](#)
- [Matthew 3:16 The Baptism In Water](#)
- [Matthew 3:11 The Baptism of Fire](#)
- [Matthew 3:7-12 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit](#)
- [Matthew 3:11 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 A Baptism that is Pleasing to God](#)

RON DANIEL - Sermon Notes

- [Matthew 3:1-12 John The Baptizer](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-4:11 The Baptism And Temptation Of Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-24 Follow Me](#)
- [Matthew 4:25-5:16 The Beatitudes: Salt And Light](#)

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

- [Matthew 3:1-17 John the Baptist and Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 3:13—4:4 The Temptation of Jesus, Part I](#)
- [Matthew 4:5-7 The Second Temptation of Jesus Satan's "Leap of Faith"](#)
- [Matthew 4:8-10 The Third Temptation of Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-25 The Commencement of Jesus' Ministry](#)
- [Matthew 4:18-5:16 Hope in the Gospels](#)

JOHN DUMMELOW

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

J LIGON DUNCAN

- [Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus' Baptism: To Fulfill all Righteousness](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus' Temptation and Response](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-17 The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand](#)
- [Matthew 4:18-22 Four Disciples Chosen](#)
- [Matthew 4:23-25 Proclamation and Healing](#)

EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT (editor) - Edward H Plumptre - author of Matthew

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

CHARLES R ERDMAN

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)
- [Matthew 4 Commentary](#)

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- [Matthew 3:16-17 Key Questions About the Triune God](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY - John Gibson

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS - excerpts from other sermons

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

EXPOSITOR'S GREEK TESTAMENT - A B Bruce

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

DON FORTNER

- [Matthew - Discovering Christ in Matthew \(>900pp. Note Fortner is not literal on prophecy\)](#)

A C GAEBELEIN

- [Matthew 3 Annotated Bible](#)

GENE GETZ - 10+/- minute videos emphasizing principles in each section of Scripture

- Matthew; Principle #4; [Mt. 3:1-12](#); The Message of Repentance: To have forgiveness of sins and to live in fellowship with God, we must experience true repentance. [Video](#)
- Matthew; Principle #5; [Mt. 4:1-11](#); The Power of Scripture: When we're tempted to violate God's will, we are to follow Jesus' example and use Scripture to thwart Satan's efforts. [Video](#)
- Matthew; Principle #6; [Mt. 4:18-22](#); Dedicated Discipleship: To follow the Lord Jesus Christ, we must faithfully apply His teachings. [Video](#)
- Matthew; Principle #7; [Mt. 4:23-5:1](#); Producing Mature Disciples: To develop mature Christ-followers, all spiritual leaders should give special attention to those who have a sincere desire to learn deep spiritual truths. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

GOSPEL COALITION

- [Matthew Sermons - most are Mp3's](#)

GOTQUESTIONS GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

- [Gospel of Matthew - Bible Survey](#)
- [What were the key events in the life of Jesus Christ?](#)

- [Why did God give us four Gospels?](#)
- [What is the harmony of the Gospels?](#)
- [Mt 3:1 What should we learn from the life of John the Baptist?](#)
- [Mt 3:7 Why did John the Baptist refer to the Pharisees as a brood of vipers?](#)
- [Mt 3:13, 14 What was the meaning and importance of the baptism of John the Baptist?](#)
- [Mt 3:11 What is the baptism of/by/with fire?](#)
- [Mt 4:1-10 What was the meaning and purpose of Jesus' temptations?](#)
- [Mt 4:19 What does it mean to be "fishers of men"?](#)

L M GRANT

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

DAVID GUZIK

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JAMES HASTINGS - in depth

- [Matthew 3:2 The Two Baptisms](#)
- [Matthew 4:4 A Question of Life](#)

ROBERT HAWKER

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

MATTHEW HENRY

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

F B HOLE

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

DAVID HOLWICK - frequent illustrations

- [Matthew 3:1-12 Threat and Promise](#)
- [Matthew 3:5-11 What Happens At Baptism?](#)
- [Matthew 4:16 This Little Light of Mine](#)

H A IRONSIDE

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

IVP COMMENTARY - Matthew - Craig Keener

Tim Challies: Keener's work receives high recommendations and **significant warnings** about the limits of its usefulness....This is the kind of commentary I tend to avoid since I don't consider myself sufficiently schooled to confidently sort through the weaknesses. However, most experts do recommend it with certain caveats.

- [INTRODUCTION TO THE KINGDOM \(1:1-4:23\)](#)
 - [History and the Mixed-Race Messiah \(1:1-17\)](#)
 - [Accounts of Jesus' Childhood \(1:18-2:23\)](#)
 - [Preparation for Public Ministry \(3:1-4:25\)](#)
- [Word About Jesus Spreads Widely \(4:25\)](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)
- [Matthew 3 Commentary Unabridged](#)

S LEWIS JOHNSON

- [Matthew 3:1-12 The Herald of the King, Matthew](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 The Baptism of the King](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-12 The Temptation of the King](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-25 The Beginning of the King's Ministry](#)

WILLIAM KELLY

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

STEVE KRELOFF - Messianic Pastor

- [Matthew Mp3 only](#)

PAUL KRETZMANN

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

LANGE'S COMMENTARY

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JOHN LIGHTFOOT

- [Matthew 3 Commentary](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR

- [Matthew 3:1-6 The Greatest Man](#)
- [Matthew 3:7-10 The Fruits of True Repentance, 1](#)
- [Matthew 3:7-12 The Fruits of True Repentance, 2](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17 The Commissioning of the King](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 The Crisis Of Temptation, Pt. 1](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 How to Overcome Temptation](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptation of Christ](#)
- [Matthew 4:12-13 The Light Dawns, Part 1](#)
- [Matthew 4:13-17 The Light Dawns, Part 2](#)
- [Matthew 4:18-22 Fishing for Men](#)
- [Matthew 4:23-25 The Healing Work of Jesus](#)

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

- [Matthew 3:1-12 The Herald of the King](#)
- [Matthew 3:11 The Baptism in Fire](#)
- [Matthew 3:11 The Baptism of Jesus](#)
- [Matthew 3:16 The Dove of God](#)
- [Matthew 4:1-12 The Victory of the King](#)
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