

Gospel	Matthew
Audience	Jews
Author	Matthew, known as Levi the Apostle.
Date	50s or 60s (first century)
Setting	This Gospel forms a connecting link between the Old and New Testaments because of its emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecy.
Portrait of Jesus	Jesus is the Messiah-King who fulfills Old Testament prophecy and expectations.
Key Verses	Matthew 1:1; 16:16; 20:28
Purpose	To prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the eternal King
Key Words	Fulfilled
Special Features	Matthew is filled with Messianic language and OT references (53 quotes and 76 other references). This Gospel was not written as a chronological account; its purpose was to present the clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior.

1. Look up Matthew 9:9. What profession was Matthew?

2. How did the Pharisees view tax collectors? How did Jesus view tax collectors? (Matthew 9:10-13)

3. Look up the key verses above. What do they say about this gospel account?
 - a. Matthew 1:1

 - b. Matthew 16:16

 - c. Matthew 20:28

4. Why do you think it was important for Matthew to write to Jews and declare that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies?