

# The Gospel of Matthew

**Theme:** Matthew wrote his gospel to prove that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah of the Hebrew Scripture, the divine Savior & King.

- I. The Messiah's Arrival (1-2)
- II. The Messiah's Preparation (3:1—4:16)
- III. The Messiah's Ministry (4:17—16:20)
  - A. A Summary of His Ministry (4:17)
  - B. The Start of His Galilean Ministry (4:18-25)
    - 1. The Selection of Four Disciples (4:18-22)
    - 2. A Summary of His Public Ministry (4:23-25)

# Jesus' Galilean Ministry

## *Matthew 4:23-25*

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# The Difference between Teaching & Preaching

- The Greek terms are often used synonymously.
  1. What one Gospel labels as "preaching" another gospel at times labels as "teaching" (e.g., Mt. 4:23; Mk. 1:39; Lk. 4:44).
  2. Even within the same Gospel, the same activity is called "teaching" (Mk. 1:21; Lk. 4:15) and "preaching" (Mk. 1:38; Lk. 4:44).
  3. The two words are even used synonymously in the same verse (Mt. 11:1; Lk. 20:1; Acts 5:42; 15:35; 28:31; Rom. 2:21; 2 Tim. 4:2).
  4. The responsibility of NT elders is both teaching *and* preaching (Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- Teaching is the systematic instruction in God's Word.
- Preaching is the attitude, disposition, or manner of the messenger: he is to speak, announce, or teach as a herald, speaking with authority.

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# Four Primary Reasons for Jesus' Healing Ministry

1. To prove His divine identity (Jn. 5:36; 7:31; 10:24-25, 38; 14:11; 20:30-31)
2. To establish His credibility as a divine messenger of revelation (Acts 2:22)
3. To prove He was the promised Messiah (Mt. 8:17; cf. Is. 53:4; Mt. 11:3-5)
4. To demonstrate God's heart of compassion (Lk. 7:13; Jn. 14:9)

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# Palestine in NT Times



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- IV. Its Phenomenal Growth (25)